

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the term of the 2009 COPS Technology grant agreement.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) COPS Office's approval of a no-cost extension for the 2009 COPS Technology Grant, extending the award period from March 10, 2012, to September 10, 2013.
 - b. Negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles, for the period March 11, 2012, to March 10, 2013, with three one-year options to renew upon the acceptance of any further extensions of the 2009 COPS Technology Grant, for a sum not to exceed \$445,000, for the City's use of the County's mass notification system, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Police Department. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated April 4, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the Police Department requests authority to extend the term of the 2009 COPS Technology grant. The Department reports that in 2009, DOJ awarded the City a COPS Technology grant in the amount of \$500,000. The grant provides funding for the development of a mass notification system to ensure rapid delivery of critical alerts, warnings, and instructional messages to city residents and businesses during disasters, emergencies, and other significant Citywide events.

According to the Police Department, it would be more cost effective to use grant funds to access the County "Alert LA County" mass notification system. This system uses the telephone companies' 9-1-1 database and is able to contact landline telephone numbers, whether listed or unlisted. The system is also TTY/TDD compatible. Citizens with cellular or Voice over Internet Protocol numbers and who would like to be notified on that device or by-mail notification must register those telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.

The DOJ approved an 18-month, no-cost extension of the COPS grant award, enabling the Police Department to continue the implementation of the project and use grant funds. On April 10, 2012, the Board approved the Department's request.

At its meeting held May 11, 2012, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the Police Department to accept the grant extension and to execute the accompanying MOA with the County for the City's use of the County's mass notification system, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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