

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Special Training Fund 40J Annual Report.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the LAFD report to the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 2, 2014 (attached to the Council file), relative to the FY 2013-14 Special Training Fund 40J Annual Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD reports that the State's annual training reimbursement to the LAFD is critical due to the cost of annual training fees that rise significantly each year. If the Vocation Education Training (VET) funding was interrupted, numerous mandatory certifications and re-certifications could not occur within the Department's current budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 2, 2014 (attached to the Council file), LAFD presents the FY 2013-14 Special Training Fund 40J Annual Report for approval. The LAFD Special Training Fund was created to receive, retain, and disburse funds received from training activities. There are two separate accounts within the Fund. General Account 40JA is used for fees collected for rentals of training facilities, training grants, and training-related service fees. The VET 40JB Revolving Fund, holds monies received from the State through affiliation contracts with local colleges. These funds are also used for training-related purposes. The current VET Fund — Account 40JB contract provides the Department \$3.50 per hour of training for members enrolled in the program.

LAFD reports that the Fund had a beginning balance of \$2,971,240.46. During FY 13-14, State fund payouts totaling \$1,015,350.74 were deposited into the account. Expenditures for FY 13-14 totaled \$1,690,881.87. Also, \$104,444.38 was made payable to the State of California certifying agency. There are pending encumbrances totaling \$229,837.58 for travel authorities issued to Department members approved in FY 13-14 but not yet expensed, and for payments to various vendors who provide training, equipment, etc. The Fund balance at the end of the FY 13-14 was \$2,339,124.72.

LAFD goes on to report that expenses and equipment purchases from the Fund provided the Department with multimedia training CDs for continuing dispatcher education, DVDs for Equal Employment Opportunity Mandated Training and materials for roof prop and ventilation training. In addition, training manuals and essential equipment such as heart monitors and physical fitness equipment were purchased for the Recruit Training Academy. On September 16, 2014, the Board approved LAFD's report.

At its meeting held December 12, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve LAFD's FY 2013-14 Special Training Fund 40J Annual Report, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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