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While the Fire Department (LAFD) has made great improvements in its service delivery and response times throughout the City, residents of the Sylmar area and the Sylmar Neighborhood Council have indicated that they still have concerns about the length of time it takes the Department to respond to emergency calls in their area. This area, which experienced one of the most devastating fires in City history, poses unique challenges to the Department, due to its close proximity to the Angeles National Forest and other undeveloped hillside areas. Residents and the Sylmar Neighborhood Council hope that the LAFD can undertake efforts quickly to reduce response times in the area.

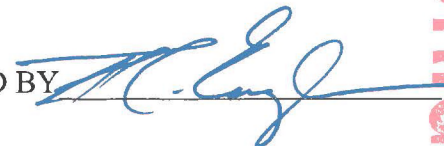
One innovative tool that the LAFD has introduced recently is the Fast Response Vehicle (FRV). The FRV is a heavily modified brush patrol rig that carries firefighting and Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment. It is designed to be a roving mobile resource to serve the community in a variety of ways, and is able to respond to calls quickly. One FRV has recently gone into service in the Sylmar area and is already having an impact by handling calls that would normally take an engine company or rescue ambulance out of service. The Department should report on the use of FRVs, as well as on any other efforts that would help reduce response times in the area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department (LAFD) report on measures that can be taken to immediately address the longer response times experienced by the residents of Sylmar, including the use of Fast Response Vehicles (FRV) and other any other means the LAFD can use to quickly and efficiently respond to calls-for-service in the area. This report should include data on the recent rollout of the FRV in the Sylmar area, and its impact on response times.

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