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Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2016

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

From: Michael A. DuRee, Fire Chief *MDR*
Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police /s/
Reginald I. Harrison, Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency
Communications /s/

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funding Increase**

The City of Long Beach has recently been awarded additional Homeland Security Grant Funds through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program in the amount of \$6,787,370. These funds will be used to replace the City's aging public safety dispatch system with new technology that will increase system reliability, as well as bring the City into compliance with federal mandates for interoperability and frequency modifications by 2021.

The current radio dispatch system was installed in 2002 when the Emergency Communications and Operations Center was constructed. The system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and new parts are not available. Consequently, the failure of a component could compromise emergency communications for an extended period of time. The existing system also lacks the ability to support advances in public safety communications technology and provide for interoperability with other public safety agencies.

The UASI grant funds will completely support the purchase and installation of a new dispatch console, IP-based microwaves with loop configuration, digital base repeaters for expansion of the system, security update services, and system upgrade agreements to ensure that the system remains current with hardware and software updates and upgrades for the next 10 years.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief DuRee at (562) 570-2509, Chief Luna at (562) 570-7301, or Reggie Harrison at (562) 570-9460.

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