



Date: September 30, 2019

To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *T. Modica*

From: Xavier Espino, Fire Chief *X.E.*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Restoration of Engine 17 and Relocation of Rescue 17**

On September 3, 2019, as part of the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20) budget adoption process, the City Council directed the use of Measure A funds to restore Fire Engine 17, beginning in mid-October 2019. Accordingly, Engine 17 will return to service at 8:00 a.m. on October 16, 2019, and will operate out of Fire Station 17, at 2241 Argonne Avenue. The restoration of Fire Engine 17 will provide much-needed fire-fighting and emergency medical response capability not only to the immediate area, but to the entire city as well.

Fire Station 17 currently houses Ladder Truck 17 and Paramedic Rescue 17. With the return of Fire Engine 17, there will not be enough room to continue to house Paramedic Rescue 17 at that station. Therefore, also on October 16, 2019, Paramedic Rescue 17 will relocate to Fire Station 22, at 6340 Atherton Street, and will operate as Paramedic Rescue 22. This move will allow room for Fire Engine 17, Ladder Truck 17, Engine 22, Rescue 22, and their respective crews to be properly housed. Furthermore, Fire Department analysis concludes that, due to its location and proximity to the 405 Freeway, Fire Station 22 provides the best location from which the rescue could serve the East Long Beach area and the rest of the city.

As is typical of the Fire Department deployment model, with a Paramedic Rescue at Fire Station 22, Fire Engine 22 will no longer be designated as a Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU). The paramedic from Engine 22 will be redeployed to Fire Engine 17 to provide quicker paramedic service to that area.

The return of Fire Engine 17 and the relocation of Paramedic Rescue 22 will enhance the Fire Department's commitment to meeting the expectations of the community about fire suppression and emergency medical services.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (562) 570-2509.

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