


**Date:** September 25, 2015

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

**From:** Michael A. DuRee, Fire Chief 

**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Weekly Update -- Termination of Rapid Medic Deployment Program

On August 26, 2015, the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency) notified the Long Beach Fire Department that they were terminating the Rapid Medic Deployment (RMD) Pilot Project and that, by October 1, 2015, the Department must return to the previous staffing model of two Paramedics on all Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances. On September 1, 2015, the City Council directed the Fire Department to provide weekly updates on the status of returning to our pre-RMD staffing configuration. This memorandum represents the fourth of these weekly updates.

During the week beginning September 21, 2015, the Fire Department made the following progress toward returning to our pre-RMD staffing configuration:

- Attained approval from the EMS Agency to return to the previous staffing model on October 3, 2015, instead of October 1, 2015, to coincide with the City's payroll period;
- Conducted the process for Firefighters, Paramedics, and Ambulance Operators to "rebid" or be reassigned to different apparatus under the pre-RMD staffing configuration. The bid process closed today and Fire Operations management has begun the process of making personnel assignments based on seniority;
- Continued to evaluate the future need to send Firefighters to Paramedic School;
- Continued working with the Fire Communications Center to reconfigure their dispatch systems and processes to correlate with new apparatus locations; and,
- Initiated the planning process for changing out equipment and apparatus on the morning of October 3, 2015, when we return to the previous staffing model.

Over the next week, the Fire Department will continue to focus its efforts on returning to a pre-RMD staffing configuration and will be completed with the process by October 3, 2015. The Fire Department will continue to provide weekly updates to the City Council.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 570-2505.

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