

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the replacement of Fire Engine 17.

Recommendation for Council action pursuant to Motion (Park – De Leon):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Los Angeles Fire Department to report on efforts to replace Fire Engine 17 which was destroyed in the I-10 Freeway fire, including the identification of funds to replace this apparatus and efforts to seek reimbursement from the state or federal governments for the loss of this engine.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On January 23, 2024, your Committee considered a Motion (Park – DeLeon) relative to the replacement of Fire Engine 17. According to the Motion, on November 11, 2023, The I-10 Freeway just east of downtown Los Angeles was shut down in both directions after two wooden pallet yards caught fire, damaging an overpass and destroying several vehicles, including a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) fire engine.

LAFD Fire Engine 17 was the first on the scene to respond to the fire and became stuck under the freeway overpass. As a result, it was engulfed by the flames and was destroyed. Fire Engines are essential pieces of emergency equipment, and the loss of one can pose a significant challenge to the LAFD's ability to manage its fleet. It is imperative that the City replace this Engine quickly, and staff should be directed to seek state or federal funds to reimburse the City for the loss of this piece of equipment. Such emergency vehicles are necessary for the City to meet the needs of future emergency situations and ensure public safety. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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