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On March 1, 2023 the Los Angeles Police Protective League released a statement proposing 28 specific 9-1-1 calls for service that could be responded to by an unarmed first responder and the creation of a protocol to ensure that response is safe for officers and victims. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers serve as the primary responders for 9-1-1 calls for service not requiring a fire safety or medical response and are often dispatched to calls for service requiring a specialized response, including those related to persons experiencing homelessness or individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. In their capacity as a law enforcement agency, the LAPD may not be best suited to provide the specialized to such incidents.

Accordingly, the City of Los Angeles has previously explored the potential for certain 9-1-1 calls for service to be diverted to an unarmed or specialized crisis response, partnering with the County and community organizations to develop specialized response capacity. These efforts have resulted in the piloting of programs such as the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) Program and the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program. The deployment of unarmed civilian responders may also be an option to relieve sworn officers from incidents not requiring an armed response. This would potentially allow for faster response times for both violent and non-violent incidents, provide an appropriate response to a spectrum of calls for service, and allow more sworn officers to fulfill patrol duties. A comprehensive analysis of the feasibility of diverting certain calls and ensuring capacity exists to respond would refine the scope of the City's unarmed response efforts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and any other departments as necessary, be instructed to report on the feasibility of diverting the 28 calls identified by the March 1, 2023 Los Angeles Police Protective League press statement. The report should include:

- An analysis for each call identified, including entities with the jurisdiction, expertise, and capacity to respond absent of an LAPD first response; and
- An overview of communication systems and dispatch capacity needed to allow for diversion of calls to appropriate responders, including personnel, equipment, and training.

I FURTHER MOVE that CLA, with the assistance of the LAPD, City Attorney, and any other departments as necessary, be instructed to report on the feasibility of deploying non-sworn civilian first responders to 9-1-1 calls for service that do not require an armed response and identify potential departments, including any authority required for civilian responders to enforce City laws and an overview of any calls for service legally requiring a sworn response by law enforcement officer or other first responder.

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