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June 4, 2025

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RE: Upgrade Engine 192 from a Paramedic Assessment Unit to a Paramedic Engine

Dr. Schultz,

In our continuing efforts to improve paramedic services to the citizens of La Habra, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) plans to upgrade Engine 192 from a Paramedic Assessment Engine (PAU) to a Paramedic Engine (PE).

This change will result in Engine 192 being upgraded to a four-person engine company, with the addition of a second firefighter/paramedic post position assigned to the apparatus. The upgrade is being made to enhance our delivery of advanced life support services and improve paramedic coverage to the communities served in the area.

Station 192

Current Deployment

PAU Engine 192 (3/0 staffed – 1 PM)

Future Deployment

PE Engine 192 (4/0 staffed – 2 PM's)

Please review the following criteria for activation and upgrades of Engine 192 per OCEMS Policy #705.00.

A. Justification for an additional PAU or ALS Unit.

- Currently, PAU Engine 192 is staffed with one paramedic. Affective July 1, 2025, Engine 192 would increase it's staffing to two paramedics.
- Engine 192 responds to over 2200 incidents annually. The number has increased since the closure of Engine 193 on October 1, 2023.
- The upgrade will reduce the number of resources responding to the same incident and improve the level of care.

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- B. Description of the geographical location and boundaries for proposed service.
 - a. Location: Fire Station 192 – 520 S. Harbor Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631
 - b. Engine 192, see attached map
- C. Justification for variances (if any) from the applicant's plan for adhering to the Board of Supervisors Resolution 79-240: One unit for every 64,000 population; or one unit per 16 square miles; or an average of five minutes or less response time; or adjacent units are at or above 300 total responses/month (Policy 700.00).
 - a. No Variances from Board of Supervisors Resolution.
- D. A workload analysis of the impact on contiguous PAU or ALS units.
 - a. Surrounding ALS units will no longer need to respond into Engine 192's jurisdiction to provide ALS service.
- E. Proposed time frame for implementation.
 - a. Engine 192 upgrade from a PAU to PE – July 1, 2025 @ 0800
- F. Commitment to utilize and maintain telecommunications as specified by the OCEMS.
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 - b. Base Station: Saint Jude Hospital (SJD)
- G. Commitment to maintain a drug and solution inventory and basic and ALS medical equipment and supplies as specified by the OCEMS.
 - a. Engine 192 will continue to meet all OCEMS requirements as an ALS service provider. The upgraded unit will have the required inventory as outlined in the Orange County EMS Agency Policy/Procedure #325.00 and equipped for communication as specified by OCEMS.
- H. Training needs for meeting OCEMS staffing requirements of two Paramedics per ALS unit.
 - a. Fire Station 192 personnel will continue to meet all training and staffing requirements as outlined by OCEMS.

I look forward to working with you in obtaining EMS Agency approval for this addition. For any additional information, I can be reached at (323) 267-7175 or Keith.Harter@fire.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Keith Harter
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Emergency Medical Services Bureau
Los Angeles County Fire Department

