

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Discuss Reverse 911/City Watch and north Torrance Area Topics

Torrance Community Warning System

The City of Torrance has the ability to contact the local community in case of emergency notification need using a variety of tools. These are listed below.

City Watch telephone notification
Radio Alert Network
Community Warning Siren
Crenshaw Barrier System
Emergency Alert System
CitiSOUNDS
CitiCABLE
Emergency Alert Service (LA County)

City Watch

- Is an off-site, hosted 911 data/Web/GIS based system.
- Can be activated for any area in the City of Torrance via an Internet based GIS mapping interface and/or by telephone.
- The system is managed by Avtex, has 192 active lines, and can generate up to 23,000- 30/second calls, per hour

Radio Alert Network

- Tone activated radios
- Live broadcasts up to 30 seconds long
- Seven R.A.N. notification zones
- Tested monthly - 1st Wednesday
 - Radio Alert Network Telephone Tree
- Telephone recording of the same message as R.A.N. receivers

ExxonMobil Community Warning Siren

- 3 Locations on ExxonMobil property
- Delivers two messages: "Shelter in Place" and "All Clear"
- Designed to be heard over a 1.2 mile radius from the refinery
- Activated by ExxonMobil at TFD and/or ExxonMobil Incident Commander's request

Crenshaw/Del Amo/Maple Barrier System

- Blocks traffic on Crenshaw at Del Amo Blvd. and 190th Street
- Blocks traffic on Del Amo Blvd at Crenshaw and Maple Ave.
- Blocks traffic at Del Amo/Maple curve and Del Amo/Crenshaw (*2012*)
- Activated by ExxonMobil at TFD or ExxonMobil Incident Commander's request

Emergency Alert System

- Formerly known as Emergency Broadcast System
- Public radio and TV broadcast
- Activated by LA County Sheriff

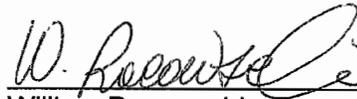
CitiSOUNDS

- City operated AM radio station (AM1620)
- Provides traffic and other local information

CitiCABLE

- Ability to override audio and video on all Cable TV channels.
- Can place scroll on bottom of screen

Respectfully submitted,


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Concur:


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