

Council Meeting of
January 9, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee – Interim Report on the meeting of
December 14, 2006 Expenditure: \$15,000**

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee recommends that City Council approve the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to conduct a City Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 29, 2007 and appropriate \$15,000 funding for the marketing and implementation of this event.

Funding

Funding is available from the General Fund Reserve.

BACKGROUND

The Torrance City Council Committee on Public Safety met on December 14, 2006. A detailed report of this meeting will be brought before the City Council at a later date. During this meeting, the City's Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) Team presented the concept of a Disaster Preparedness Expo to be held on September 29, 2007. The committee unanimously concurred with the recommendation that the City conduct a Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Cultural Arts Complex.

On June 3, 2006, the City held their 1st Disaster Preparedness Expo for the community to learn more about emergency preparedness. This event was held in conjunction with the City Yard Open House and over 5,000 community members, employees and family members attended this combined event.

ANALYSIS

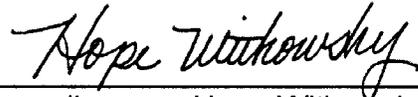
Given the success of this first event, the Committee recommended that the Expo be expanded to allow more residents the opportunity to participate and learn about disaster preparedness. The committee also recommended that the event be scheduled to coincide with the national campaign which has designated September as Disaster Preparedness month.

The Public Safety Committee further recommends that local first responders and disaster service volunteers groups be present with static displays of emergency equipment and vehicles. Additionally, local vendors will display disaster supplies and provide the community the opportunity to purchase items for their own emergency kits. Lastly, the committee has requested from staff that opportunities for short training/informational sessions be made available to the public.

In order to secure the event location and begin marketing this event, the Committee recommends that the City Council approve the date and location of the Disaster Preparedness Expo and allocate \$15,000 for marketing and operating cost of implementing this event.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky, Chair



Councilman Tom Brewer



Councilman Bill Sutherland