

Council Meeting
April 24, 2007

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

Members of the Council

SUBJECT: Police - Appropriate and allocate \$70,000 from the Security Improvement Reserve and approve the expenditure of these funds for disaster-related training. Expenditure: \$70,000

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief of Police recommends that Council appropriate and allocate \$70,000 from the Security Improvement Reserve and approve the expenditure of these funds for disaster-related training.

FUNDING

Funding is available in the Security Improvement Reserve.

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS was thus developed and adopted so that responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work better together when responding to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. The implementation of NIMS is also required by State, Territorial, Tribal, and local jurisdictions as a condition of receiving grants and other federal preparedness funding assistance.

In response to this Presidential Directive, Council approved a resolution in October 2005, adopting NIMS as the standard for incident management, and directed staff to participate in its phased implementation.

ANALYSIS

The City's Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) Team and the Police Department's Emergency Services Division have recently begun implementation of the NIMS training for all permanent full and part-time City employees. Thus far, approximately 90% of City employees have received the NIMS training. Expenses for this training include materials, supplies, and room rental for a total of 12 training sessions at the Cultural Arts Center.

Emergency Services and E-Prep have also made arrangements for the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, to deliver their core course in emergency management training to approximately 70 City of Torrance supervisors, managers and executive staff in early December. This training program introduces participants to key emergency management principles and practices using a complex natural disaster, specifically an earthquake. Participants will be involved in a progressive series of exercises culminating with a realistic earthquake simulation as a member of an emergency management team. Expenses for this training include materials, supplies, a tuition fee per student, and room rental for four days at the Cultural Arts Center.

NIMS training provides a nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. NIMS training is a requirement for receiving grants and other federal preparedness funding assistance.

The Earthquake Emergency Management training offered through CSTI, although not federally mandated, is a highly desirable and unique 40-hour training course for supervisors, managers, and executive staff, in managing the response of personnel and resources to earthquakes and other disasters. Together with NIMS, this training will better prepare staff in responding and serving the community in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

Staff recommends that Council appropriate and allocate \$70,000 from the Security Improvement Reserve and to approve the expenditure of these funds in order to pay for the NIMS and Earthquake Emergency Management training.

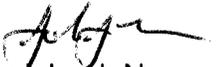
Respectfully submitted,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

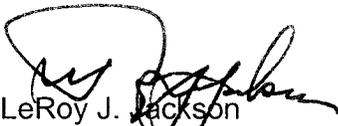


By Lt. Jon Megeff
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CONCUR:



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City Manager