

Council Meeting of  
June 9, 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL**

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: City Manager - Supplemental Information to Item 13B**

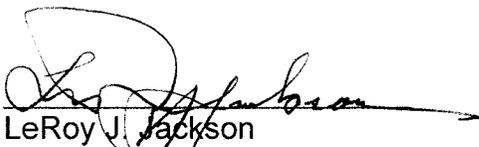
Attached are responses to questions from the City Council received after the first supplemental was printed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COUNCIL ITEM 13B - Finance Department**

- Q. I imagine that you have had a number of inquiries so far - and I'm sure you have already prepared answers to my responses below...if not, I hope to learn of these at some point over the next weeks prior to our final vote.

How many hazardous material team members per shift do similar cities and organizations provide, such as El Segundo, the County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Vernon, City of Industry, or other cities with a similar percentage of industrial properties within city limits or with a refinery? (*Council Member Cliff Numark*)

- A. Area G  
El Segundo  
No Haz Mat team  
L.A. Co. FD called in emergency  
Department First Responder Operational trained

Hermosa Beach  
No Haz Mat team  
L.A. Co. FD called in emergency  
Department FRO trained

Manhattan Beach  
No Haz Mat team  
L.A. Co. FD called in emergency  
Department FRO trained

Redondo Beach  
Haz Mat Specialist – 40 hours  
No Haz Mat team  
L.A. Co. FD called in emergency  
Department FRO trained

Outside of area:

Santa Monica  
1 FF on Haz Mat Rig  
4 on Engine  
5 specialists per shift  
Truck Company does decon  
Department trained to FRO (First Responder Operational level)

## Long Beach

Type 3 Haz Mat team  
 4 assigned to Haz mat station  
 4 assigned to support station  
 8 Specialists  
 2 – Engines assigned to decon

## Area E Vernon and Santa Fe Springs – Joint Haz Mat team

Vernon –	Dedicated to rig	2
	Engine	3
		5

Entire Department trained to specialist

## Santa Fe Springs

Team	3
Support	3

Entire Department trained to specialist

LA County FD – closest Haz Mat unit is 105's – Santa Fe and Dominguez-  
have four 5-person teams

LA City FD – closest San Pedro and LAX  
*(Fire Chief William Racowski)*

- Q. How many hazardous material incidents occur during the course of a year?** *(Council Member Cliff Numark)*
- A. 2007- approximately 80 *(Fire Chief William Racowski)*
- Q. During those incidents, how many hazardous material personnel responded?** *(Council Member Cliff Numark)*
- A. 4 -9 person respond to incidents depending upon caller's description *(Fire Chief William Racowski)*
- Q. If 5 on duty hazardous material staff were on each shift, would they be able to respond to incidents?** *(Council Member Cliff Numark)*
- A. Yes *(Fire Chief William Racowski)*

- Q. Or would they need to hold off on responding until the County of Los Angeles Hazardous Material Team arrived?** *(Council Member Cliff Numark)*
- A. A 5 person company will respond to incidents. They will establish command, evaluate incident and call for resources as needed. *(Fire Chief William Racowski)*
- Q. Besides the County, do any of the neighboring fire departments have a hazardous material team?** *(Council Member Cliff Numark)*
- A. No Department in Area G has a Haz Mat team. *(Fire Chief William Racowski)*

**COUNCIL ITEM 13C - Finance Department**

- Q. Was I aware of the reference to page 8 of the MGT of America Report that states, “We recommend that each fee be specifically and individually established based on a specific cost-recovery percentage. We also recommend that the City Council adopt a policy of full cost recovery, and that any adopted fee be established as a reduction of that level.”** *(Councilman Gene Barnett)*
- A. While I was not aware of the exact reference listed on page 8 of this report, I do agree that a subsidy level needs to be established for each program area. The Community Services Department is currently evaluating the subsidy levels of each of the program areas and will bring back a recommendation to the City Council in the coming months. *(John Jones, Community Services Director)*
- Q. Was I aware of the reference to page 17 of the MGT of America Report that states “Our experience is that leisure and recreation programs that benefit adults (but not necessarily seniors) are in the 70% full cost recovery range, classes about 50% recovery, and youth and seniors about one-third recovery. The City of Torrance programs seem to track these statistics.”** *(Councilman Gene Barnett)*
- A. While I was not aware of this exact reference listed on page 17 of this report, I do believe that these figures are relatively accurate. As part of the Fee Study the Community Services Department has recommended that they provide a market study on a 3-year cycle and subsidy analysis that will identify subsidy

levels for youth, seniors and adults. (*John Jones, Community Services Director*)