

Council Meeting of  
August 18, 2009

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police and E-Prep Team – 2009 Disaster Expo to be held October 10, 2009. Expenditure: \$15,000**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) Team that City Council:

1. Appropriate and allocate \$15,000 of General Fund Reserve for Security Improvement funds to the City of Torrance Disaster Expo to be held on October 10th, 2009 at the Cultural Arts Center complex; and
2. Approve an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 to cover costs of the 2009 City of Torrance Disaster Expo that include facility rental, food service, contracting an earthquake simulator exhibit, and printing promotional handouts and signage.

**FUNDING**

Funding is available from the General Fund Reserve for Security Improvement. After the \$15,000 allocation, the remaining balance of this reserve is \$109,206.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

On September 29, 2007, the City of Torrance held its most recent Disaster Preparedness Expo at the City's Cultural Arts Complex. The 2007 Expo was coordinated out of the Torrance Police Department Emergency Services Division and supported by the City, community, various health-based organizations, emergency preparedness vendors, and multiple, City departments including Police, Fire and General Services. The event was developed by the City of Torrance Public Safety Committee and approved by City Council.

The 2007 Expo drew several thousand attendees and its success suggested that future Expo events should be calendared. Although producing an annual Expo would be ideal, available City resources to do so are limited due to ongoing commitments to

statewide emergency operations drills, federally mandated emergency preparedness training, as well as mounting budgetary constraints. As an alternative, the event is being held every other year.

The 2009 Expo plan is very similar to 2007 in that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is scheduled to present information about earthquakes, including its agency research and monitoring techniques. The "Quake Cottage" earthquake simulator will be available to give participants the chance to safely experience an 8.0 magnitude earthquake. Event accommodations will also be made for City emergency resources and private vendors to share disaster preparedness information and emergency products available to the community. The City of Torrance Disaster Council has been updated on progress and will participate at the event.

Staff is requesting \$15,000 of General Fund Reserve for Security Improvement funds be appropriated and allocated for supportive costs of the 2009 Disaster Expo including facility rental, food service, contracting an earthquake simulator exhibit, and printing promotional handouts and signage.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
Chief of Police



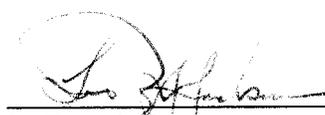
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Emergency Services Coordinator

CONCUR:



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