

Council Meeting of
April 12, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Fire Department – Adopt RESOLUTION authorizing
criminal background checks.**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that the City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the City of Torrance to access State and Federal criminal history information in order to comply with AB 2917, which requires criminal background checks of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

FUNDING

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

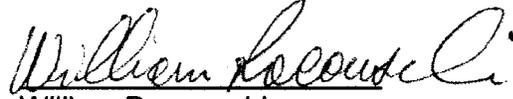
Assembly Bill No. 2917 (Torrico) relates to emergency medical services personnel. AB 2917 requires that starting July 1, 2010, all Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) have a California Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check. AB 2917 also requires that cities receive subsequent arrest notification from the California Department of Justice.

All City of Torrance fire fighters are certified EMTs. The City of Torrance does not currently receive criminal background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Additionally, the City of Torrance does not receive subsequent arrest notification from the California Department of Justice.

In order to comply with AB 2917, the City of Torrance needs to receive criminal background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Additionally, the City of Torrance needs to receive subsequent arrest notification from the California Department of Justice. The City of Torrance will not be able to continue certifying their EMTs without having this information. The attached Resolution is required by the California Department of Justice in order to receive criminal background checks from the Federal

Bureau of Investigation and to receive subsequent arrest notification from the California Department of Justice.

Respectfully submitted,



William Racowski
Fire Chief

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: A. Resolution

MATERIALS AVAILABLE MONDAY

