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Title: Update on Emergency Preparedness Strategies

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On September 23, 2015, Sacramento Police Department (SPD) Lieutenant Steve Winton provided an update to the city manager and department directors on the City of Sacramento's current status on disaster preparedness involving the City, its work staff and the community. Following that presentation, a request was made to provide the same overview to the City Council.

Beginning in 2013, the City of Sacramento separated from a joint City/County Office of Emergency Services, to a City of Sacramento Office of Emergency Services (OES). The OES was placed under the SPD for oversight.

The staff consists of Police Lieutenant Steve Winton, Fire Captain Pat Costamagna, Emergency Manager Jason Sirney and Police Clerk III Susan Schmidt. The SPD's Communication Center houses the OES staff and serves as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Since the inception of the City's OES, priorities were established that included preparing the City of Sacramento to function in its own EOC, updating the City's emergency response plans, raising the level of training for the employees assigned to staff the EOC (consisting of various individuals from each department), and providing continual disaster exercises to prepare all facets of a City response.

City OES maintains a close working emergency response relationship with the County of Sacramento and the Operational Area (OA). This relationship allows for expanded training opportunities and collaboration on a number of disaster preparedness topics with other local, state and federal agencies. For example, the City recently participated in a tabletop response exercise that simulated a downed jetliner in downtown Sacramento. The exercise was administered by the National Transportation Safety Board and hosted locally by the County OA.

City OES staffing levels have recently increased which now allows for a stronger focus in community outreach regarding disaster preparedness from the local, state and federal resource level. City OES is currently creating an OES website which will soon allow the community to locate a variety of information that will assist and prepare them in the event of a disaster.

Policy Considerations: The update on the status of the City's disaster preparedness is consistent with City Council's goal of improving and expanding public safety. It is also consistent with City Council's goal of establishing and strengthening community partnerships.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not applicable.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise Program (LBE): Not applicable.