

10/18/16 AGENDA - FIRE SERVICES ANALYSIS
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Thoughts and question I have been asked.

If the Council decides to contract with the County how soon will the County personal staff Hermosa's station. People are saying that until the new Fire Station is build the County will no staff Hermosa's Fire Station

Need to explain why only an Engine Company in Hermosa and how the Command Center Dispatch will addition equipment to a call for service

Explain how the Battalion Chief will be dispatched by Command Center Dispatch if not Hawthorne will the Battalion Chief come from another local County facility (sixth man)

Why won't the residents vote on this issue. I have told them that the City has to provide Fire protection and that this is not a political issue but instead it's a process to see how to provide the best fire services to the resident and businesses.

The level of service comparison has people saying that if Hermosa needs additional help with some of the services why go with the County. It should be explained that the Cities current personal aren't trained in a certain service and can't interact with the County help due to different levels of Classification in those services. Also when the call for service the Command Center Dispatch with start to roll personal and equipment based on the type of incident quicker that is now occurring.

The services the County will staff will be specialist in that field. Now many Hermosa Fire personal are wearing 3 hats (jobs) which takes away from being proficient in their job classification.

Having a County Educator will help the community in risk reduction . I don't know if this will help the City get a better insurance rating??

Should be pointed out that the County will have a permanent staff at the Hermosa station (not changing daily) and will be part of the Community as they are now in the other Cities they serve

Many of the other service the County (LACoFD) will provide will be at the Hermosa station daily or as needed. The Command Center will be able to dispatch required services quickly to incidents in Hermosa as back-up if needed with the proper equipment and services.

The twenty second delay to transfer the call from RCC to the County Dispatching Command Center seem to be getting a lot of what ifs . Might be good to see if this a problem in the call response time in Hawthorne or Gardena since these Cities also us RCC.

The County personal training is important item for training together makes for a safer and cohesive group of fire personal.

State and Federal regulations for fire personal is a costly training expensive and the County has the resources to train it personal efficiently

Might be good to show the budget for the current Hermosa Fire Dept. maybe a link in the power point presentation.

The County (Hermosa) will continue share auto and mutual aid to Manhattan and Redondo our Cities can't provide Fire service as a standalone entity .

Many people are concerned about the EMT service . I have told them that that service will not change but might be better to hear it from Chief Bonano

I have attended the Rotary presentation and will attended a few more to get the input of these groups. The advisory group needs to meet before the September 28th Town Hall meeting to try and polish the presentation based of the input and questions from the Citizens.

Lastly if the Council does decide to contract with the County I hope the City will set aside a day (celebration) to thank our Fire personal for their dedication in keeping Hermosa safe

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Some input from the Sept. 28th community meeting for the Fire Services Future meeting:

- The agreements with Manhattan and Redondo will remain in place with the County
- The Hermosa station will have a manager in the station full time
- The County will have Community Risk Reduction personal (currently Hermosa has personal wearing multiple hats) that specialize in service's such as Fire Marshal, plan review and certified fire inspectors
- Command Center Dispatching two persons one getting info out to caller and the other dispatching required services not done with RCC. This will manage a better outcome to the call for help
- Paramedic wall time will be reduced with County
- Area G model will be the County model
- Now Hermosa is dependent on our neighboring Cities for help County (command center) will have ability to roll other unit to help Hermosa
- Hermosa personal cannot participate with the County in specialized incident when County is called (don't train together)
- Accountability to the residents to provide 1st Class fire and emergency services is a goal of the City . (current personal are working sometime 5 straight day shifts which is not a safe)
- The County will always staffed the Hermosa station when an engine is out on a call
- Terms of contract and out clause and penalties if contract is terminated with County
- Neighborhood station to be built in Hermosa (savings for County services will be used to build new station)
- Existing County Fire equipment less than 5 minutes away (Gardena and Hawthorne) to assist incident in Hermosa
- Normal County fire shifts and same personal once transition is complete (will be part of community)
- If Hermosa were to fully staff cost will rise but more important there could be long shifts again for the personal factor of vacations, illnesses and injuries place the Firefighter back into today's problems. The Count has a staff of 4,000 personal to prevent the current Hermosa problems
- County strives to have a goal of a quicker response time day after day
- The County is one of the best Fire organizations in the County and is recognized all over the world for urban search and rescue
- County lifeguards are already working on our beaches and will merge easily into the whole County team to serve Hermosa
- Retirement and health insurance (where required) liability costs

Kiwanis meeting October 10, 2016

- About 20 people in attendance
- The way Chief Bonano explained how the County would manage the EMT service was great and I feel people understood how staffing and use of resources will work under the County staffing

- How the County trains its personal Chief Bonanos presentation showed that the County personal will be fully prepared to meet any event in Hermosa should it arise.
- The Kiwanis meet was cut short due to time restraints

These are items that people were concerned about as I listened.

I feel the power point presentation is good but with the Council the meeting on Oct 12 we might want to think of questions the Council will ask and use the presentation that were held try to look at those questions to make the power point bullet proof

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