

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.17 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 13510(c), 13512, AND 13522 OF THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING STANDARDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

WHEREAS, City of Long Beach Public Safety Dispatchers are non-sworn employees who receive emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service and dispatch appropriate personnel; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers are required to follow standards established by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of Long Beach Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC) was established to centralize and bring more focus to disaster preparedness functions in the City, and to better align the City with a growing demand for integrated public safety services and strengthen collaboration between all City departments, and County, State and Federal resources, with responsibility for disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, DPEC must apply for recognition by POST and receive funding for continuous education and training as Public Safety Dispatchers now work within and under DPEC; and

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