



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance accepting the requirements of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), relative to the standards established for Public Safety Dispatchers. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

Long Beach Public Safety Dispatchers (PSDs) are non-sworn employees who receive emergency calls for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service and dispatch appropriate personnel. PSDs are required to follow standards established by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in the course of their work. PSD's must adhere to the recruitment and training standards established by POST. With the establishment of the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC), it is necessary for the department to apply for recognition by POST and receive funding for continuous education and training. In doing so, an Ordinance indicating DPEC will adhere to POST standards for recruitment and training is needed. Currently, recognition and funding requirements are being met through the Long Beach Police Department's recognition by POST.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on April 12, 2018 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on April 10, 2018.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 8, 2018, to ensure prompt preparation of the Ordinance.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The approved Ordinance will enable the City to receive funding for continuous training. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

  
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