PUBLIC SAFETY and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROJECT STATUS REPORT

CAMERAS AT ALL CITY FACILITIES AND PARKS

Public Safety is taking the lead to process and install video surveillance camera systems at all City and Park facilities. This will assist in deterring criminal activity and behavior and/or provide documented video of any criminal activity which may occur. This will help to reduce criminal activity and provide a safer environment for residents and parks. Two proposals were submitted by vendors through the RFP process. An agenda item to make a vendor selection will be brought before council in March 2023.

Update: Program Installation began July 5, 2023, at Mills Park.

Public Safety is taking the lead to install License Plate Recognition Cameras at entrances and intersections throughout the City. This will assist in deterring and capturing criminals in the use of vehicles as they enter and exit the City. This will help to reduce criminal activity and provide a safer environment for the entire City.

CITYWIDE FIRE ALARM REPAIR AND UPGRADE

Public Safety is currently in the final phase of repairing and installing all the fire alarms at all City and Park facilities. The end result is to detect and or provide the necessary resources in the event of fire and provide a safer work environment for employees and residents utilizing these facilities.

Update: City staff are still working with the vendor on corrective actions.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS

The Block Captains program Continues to move forward with increased public awareness. Staff continues to focus on obtaining more Block Captains throughout the City.

The Coyote Awareness program continues to move forward with residential education and outreach. Staff continues to hold community meetings throughout the City with the support of the City Council.

Update: We have transitioned to the Los Angeles Animal Care and Control for full services as of 4/11/23. All residents are to be directed to 310-523-9566.

The Public Safety Engagement Officers and their programs continue to be a huge success. So far in the brief existence of this programs, the officers have been successful in obtaining voluntarily compliance and removing several unhoused residents, male and female from the streets. They continue to work in collaboration with other local agencies, this program continues to get positive results

Public Safety in partnership with Carson Sheriff's will host a booth at both the City Street Fair On July 28, 2023, and the Tour De Carson Bike Race on Aug 12, 2023.

The team will disseminate informational material, as it relates to Public Safety, Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and our Engagement Team.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REDUCTION ANALYSIS

Public Safety continues to work collaboratively with LASD and Public Works to reduce traffic accidents in the city. The Sheriff's Department has provided traffic accident data and reports covering the last five years for the City of Carson. Staff has created maps of the data and the Traffic Engineering Division will be evaluating the maps to identify any patterns and recommend making any infrastructure changes as needed. The goal of the project is reducing the overall number of traffic accidents in the city. Several recommendations have been provided by the consultant for 11 locations in the city to potentially mitigate the number of traffic accidents based on short and long-term possibilities.

Update: The Public Safety Team are working collectively with our Sheriff's Department to determine locations to deploy our ALPR Trailers on a continuous basis all throughout the city. The Deployment of 4 trailers have proven to be a serious deterrent as speeding and accidents in those areas where deployed have decreased significantly.

Update: The use of the LPR Trailers will be on full display throughout the City during the Tour De Carson Bike race scheduled for August 12, 2023.

RADIO UPGRADE PROJECT

In 2021, the City Council approved the "Radio Upgrade Project" which funded the purchase of radios, radio equipment, batteries and chargers required to transition the City's use of UHF radio system to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communication System (LA-RICS). The City Council then approved a contract with Mission Critical Information Systems to provide the installation and programming services to complete Phase 2 of the project. In September 2022, the City of Carson executed a Hold Harmless Agreement with LA-RICS allowing the city to utilize the platform.

Update: The BDA installation at City Hall is now complete. As a result, radio coverage in the basement is at 100% capacity.

HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT

Every five years, FEMA requires jurisdictions to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This update, the city's second, is overdue. This plan identifies natural and human-caused hazards that the city is or may be vulnerable to and outlines mitigation or risk reduction strategies for incidents and events.

Staff have secured funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which provides funding for the update/development of the plan. As a result, a Request for Proposals was published on 10/06/22 and closed 10/20/22.

On 1/3/2023 City Council awarded a contract to the vendor selected by the RFP Review Panel. Staff has executed final contract.

Update: Staff recently met with Witt O'Brien to develop a public survey to continue gathering information/data. Additionally, Staff is working to

identify	all	critical	facilities	in	the	City	ot	Carson.	

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) UPGRADE PROJECT

Staff is currently in the planning stages of the project. The initial scope of work only included the upgrade of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In planning for the new layout, it was determined that Public Safety, Information Technology, and Emergency Services could benefit from the upgrade as well. The new scope of work now includes upgrades for all four areas.

Update: Staff met with wall system manufacturer and designer to discuss options and layout. Design options and layout are in its final stages. Currently team is working on AV coordination and establishing power/signal/device layout.

Staff is scheduled to meet with manufacturer on structural needs for the layout such as demo, construction, and design options to secure cost estimates.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Active Shooter Training - June 20/July 20/August 24

Due to the growing number of active shooter incidents taking place across the country, it is imperative that City of Carson employees be prepared and have the skills necessary to respond quickly if necessary. As a result, the Office of Emergency Services has partnered with the Joint Regional Intelligence Center, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide active shooter training. This type of training is a first for Carson and will contain a "hands-on" demonstration during the trauma care segment. There are three offerings of this training focused on teaching Carson employees how to prepare, prevent, and react during an active shooter event in a variety of environments.

Update: Our second training took place 7/20, with a great turnout. A total of 108 employees registered for this session. Post event surveys were sent out where the average score was 4.9 out of 5 for overall experience, relevance, and interest in participating in future emergency preparedness training events.