## PUBLIC SAFETY and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROJECT STATUS REPORT

<b>CAMERAS AT</b>
ALL CITY
<b>FACILITIES AND</b>
PARKS

Public Safety is taking the lead the process to 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 vender through the RFP process. An agenda item to make a vender selection will be brought before council in February 2023.

### 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.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS

The Block Captains program is moving forward with increased public awareness. We have seen an increase of Block Captains Program interest. Staff continues to focus on obtaining more Block Captains throughout the City.

The Coyotes Awareness program is moving forward with residential education and outreach. Staff continues to hold meeting throughout the City with the support of the City Council. The Public Safety Engagement Officers and their programs have been a huge success. In the past month they were successful in removing two unhoused women from the street via voluntary compliance and helped to identify several others in need of more mental or medical assistance. In working collaboratively with other local agencies, this program will only get stronger.

### TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REDUCTION ANALYSIS

Public Safety continues to work collaboratively with LASD and Public Works to reduce traffic accidents in the City. The Sheriff 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. The recommendations are still under review at this time and will be presented to City Council for approval at a future meeting. Staff is continuing to analyze past traffic accident data to determine hot spots where accidents have occurred most frequently. A purchase agreement and budget resolution for procuring 4 mobile License Plate Reader Trailers was approved on the May 3 City Council Meeting Consent Agenda. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of

Carson and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was approved on the May 17 City Council meeting to govern the use of the trailers. The Trailers were delivered are currently being deployed throughout the City.

### 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.

Staff is now working with all impacted city departments to finalize talkgroups (channels) to finalize the programming specifications. Once programmed, radio testing, and deployment will be the final steps of the project.

### 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 is now in the process of contract execution.

# 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.

Staff has been working with a firm on the design for the new layout and a second draft is expected the week of January 30, 2023.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### Civilian Academy for the Community – March/TBD

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Carson Station will be hosting a Civilian Academy for the citizens that live or work in the City of Carson and the surrounding unincorporated County areas. The academy is a 10-week course, which meets once a week in the evening. This is an excellent opportunity for community members to learn, gain knowledge and be educated on the responsibilities, procedures and guidelines that we are governed by. Members of the Department will explain daily job functions and share some training. The interaction will give those attending a better understanding of department operations.

To register or for more information, please call: Sergeant Hernandez (310)847-8386 or Deputy Valdez (310)847-4019, Deputy Estrada (310)847-8385 or email CARSONCOMREL@LASD.ORG APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

### LA County Sheriff Blood Drive- March 21, 2023

Honor your hero. Be a hero. Donate blood.
Please make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: CarsonSheriff or sign up with Deputy Valdez at a1valdez@lasd.org

#### Sound the Alarm - May 20, 2023

Home fires claim seven lives every day but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half. The American Red Cross is rallying volunteers to install free smoke alarms nationwide, as part of our Sound the Alarm events. This year the Red Cross will install free smoke alarms, create escape plans and share fire safety information for all City of Carson residents. Join us for a rewarding day at a Sound the Alarm event near you. Make an even greater impact and donate to help families prepare for, respond to and recover from home fires. Registration coming soon. Please be on the lookout for further details.