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October 1, 2015

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

MARINA DEL REY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Fire Prevention Division (FPD) received a permit application for an offshore outdoor fireworks display held in Marina del Rey on August 25, 2015, at 11:59 PM. The licensed pyrotechnic company indicated that the organization sponsoring the display was Boulevard Management Company. The Outdoor Fireworks Display Permit application and required documents (e.g., display details, licenses and insurance) were reviewed and approved by the FPD on August 18, 2015. On the day of the outdoor fireworks display, a Fire Safety Officer (FSO) was on site to ensure compliance with all health and safety codes and regulations. In addition, the FSO was responsible for confirming the methods, quantity and type of fireworks outlined in the permit application.

Due to the time and day of the outdoor fireworks display, numerous complaints were received from constituents throughout Marina del Rey and surrounding communities. Upon review of the circumstances, it is clear that community outreach and coordination amongst all jurisdictional agencies/municipalities was missing.

On September 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors instructed the Fire Chief to report back in 30 days with a corrective action plan (CAP) to ensure that an event of this nature will not be repeated.

A thorough review of the permitting process and procedures for outdoor fireworks displays was conducted. Five recommendations are provided in the CAP to prevent a repeat of such an event in the future.

The corrective recommendations include:

- Updating policies and procedures to ensure proper jurisdictional coordination.
- Updating policies and procedures to require Fire Chief approval for any fireworks displays occurring after 9:00 PM.
- Updating the outdoor fireworks display application form to require submittal of jurisdictional agency/municipality conditions of approval.
- Creating a new fireworks notification form to ensure appropriate coordination occurs with local planning agencies, local law enforcement, other county departments, and any other approving agencies. This form will also require the local planning agencies to specify the appropriate public outreach methods.
- All staff responsible for reviewing and approving Outdoor Fireworks Display permits and overseeing safety during fireworks displays will be trained on these new procedures within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180, or your staff may contact Assistant Fire Chief Phil Cocker, Fire Prevention Division, at (323) 890-4144.

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Enclosure

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Case Name: September 1, 2015 – Board Motion 58-F

Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles. The summary should be a specific overview of the identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	August 25, 2015/Outdoor Fireworks Display
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Private fireworks display conducted in open ocean waters off Marina del Rey beginning at 11:59 PM.

1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim:

Location and time of event caused excessive noise and numerous public disturbance complaints from concerned residents.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party)

Corrective Action:
The Fire Prevention Division has revised and updated Fire Department Regulation #13 and the Outdoor Fireworks Display Permit. In addition, a new Fireworks Notification Form has been developed to ensure that all necessary notifications are completed.

- Fire Department Regulation #13 "Fireworks Shows and Displays" has been revised to require that the jurisdictional planning agency and any other appropriate approving agencies provide approval prior to consideration and permit approval by the Fire Department.
- Updating policies and procedures to require Fire Chief approval for any fireworks displays occurring after 9:00 PM.
- Fire Department Permit Form 444 "Outdoor Fireworks Display" has been revised to include a check box to indicate all appropriate agency approvals have been received. A summary of type of mortars and the type of mortar rack that will be used has also been added
- A Fire Department "Fireworks Notification Form" has been developed to be used in conjunction with the updated Outdoor Fireworks Display Permit. This form provides space for the local planning agency, local law enforcement, other County Departments, and any other approving agency to provide conditions of approval and information on how the community will be notified of any noise and smoke impacts. In addition, the date of approval and contact name, title, and phone number of the individual providing the approval is required. This form will verify that all proper notifications have been made and needed

approvals have been granted.

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Due Date: November 1, 2015
Responsible Parties: Fire Prevention Division

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

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