

SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: FY2005/06 PROPOSED BUDGET - FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION: This report provides information on the FY2005/06 Proposed Budget for the Fire Department and requests an intent motion to approve.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 24, 2005

SUMMARY: This report provides information on the FY2005/06 proposed budget for the Fire Department. It includes a department description, budget summary and organizational assessment projects to create efficiencies and improvements within the Department.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The Fire Department responds to fires, requests for emergency medical services, various types of rescues, and hazardous materials response. Additionally, the department provides a variety of fire prevention activities including: arson investigation, permit inspections, weed abatement, new development and improvement inspections and public education. The Fire Department is also responsible for city wide emergency management.

- The Fire Department's accomplishments this year were numerous.
 - The Department will open new Station 30 with an engine company and a medic unit to provide critically needed services to the citizens of North Natomas. A truck company is scheduled to be added to Station 30 in FY2005/06. New Station 5 celebrated its grand opening on April 30, 2005 and the opening of new Station 20 is anticipated for the end of June 2005.
 - The Department has developed an Internal Affairs and Professional Standards Unit that will be managed by a Battalion Chief.
 - The department reorganized its Operations function to provide for increased oversight and efficiencies including a single Assistant Chief to oversee all line Battalion Chiefs. An additional battalion was added to increase management oversight and reduce span-of-control.
 - The Department is improving its network to connect all 23 fire stations to City resources.
 - The Fire Department is a member of the Homeland Security Task Force that allows for the further development of interoperability between Fire, Law Enforcement, and Public Health.

- The Fire Department has worked with the Police Department to integrate selected emergency response and administrative functions.
 - The Fire Department has moved its Information Technology Manager and three other positions to the Police Department to create joint "Public Safety" Data Services.
 - The Fire And Police Departments are in the process of creating a joint emergency boat operations. Two combined Fire and Police boats have been purchased to be delivered in 2006.
 - Fire Department Hazardous Materials Specialists have joined the Police Department Explosive Ordinance Detail to form a merged unit with greater capability.
 - The Fire and Police Departments will continue to explore opportunities to merge functions for greater efficiencies.

The Fire Department budget can be found on pages 173-181 of the FY2005/06 Proposed Budget and are available online at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/budget>.

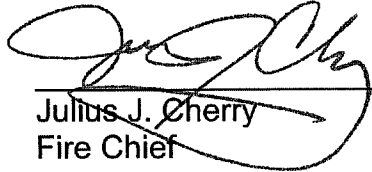
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The FY2005/06 proposed budget for the Fire Department includes 620 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Fire's total budget is \$77 million, of which, \$76 million is supported by the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment, and that do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: The Fire Department's budget is consistent with the sustainable budget philosophy. The Department will continue to work to strengthen service through partnerships and efficiencies.

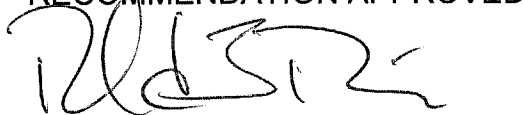
ESBD EFFORTS: No goods or services are being purchased with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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Fire Department

Attachment A

Accomplishments

- Station 30
 - Engine and Medic Company
 - Truck Company
- Opened Station 5 and 20
- Internal Affairs/Professional Standards Unit
- Increased Oversight of Operations
 - Assistant Chief of Shift Operations
 - 4th Battalion

Reorganizations

- Fire and Police Integrate Functions
 - Response
 - Rescue Fire Boat
 - Explosive Ordinance Disposal
 - Homeland Security Task Force
 - Administration
 - Information Technology