

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Matthew Fertal  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORANGE COUNTY - CITY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITY

From: Dave Bertka  
Dept: Fire  
Date: September 23, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council authorize the appointment of Mike Bublitz, Division Chief/Fire Marshall, as a voting member to the Board of Directors for the Orange County – City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority (OCCHMERA).

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove subscribes to OCCHMERA to provide emergency response for hazardous materials spills, illegal disposals, and other emergencies involving hazardous materials and waste. The OCCHMERA Joint Powers of Authority consists of two categories of voting members:

1. Provider Agencies (those with Hazardous Materials Response Teams): Hold four permanent voting seats held by Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Orange County Fire Authority, and Santa Ana Fire Departments.
2. Subscriber Agencies (those who pay an annual fee for hazardous materials response services): Hold one voting seat between Brea, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Orange, and Newport Beach Fire Departments.

DISCUSSION

At the July 16, 2008 Board meeting, the City of Garden Grove was selected as a voting member to represent the Subscriber Agencies replacing the City of Fountain Valley.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no financial impact to the General Fund.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

This active voting role in a high governing Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority, allows the Garden Grove Fire Department to remain an efficient, high quality safety provider as outlined in the Strategic Plan adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Authorize the appointment of Division Chief/Fire Marshall, Mike Bublitz, as a voting member to the OCCHMERA Board of Directors.



DAVE BERTKA  
Fire Chief



By: MIKE BUBLITZ  
Division Chief

**Recommended for Approval**



**Matthew Ferial**  
City Manager