

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal

From: Dave Bertka

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Fire

Subject: ADOPTION OF THE 2009
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Date: September 22, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To request adoption of the 2009 Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

The City currently receives partial funding from the State for Emergency Management, which is facilitated by the fire department. Additionally, in the event of a local disaster the City may be eligible for additional funding. In order to maintain State funding, the City must have a State approved and adopted Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); the City's EOP was last revised in 2003.

It was deemed necessary for the EOP to undergo a complete rewrite due to the age and for consistency with surrounding jurisdictions' EOP. California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) has reviewed our 2009 Plan and has determined the City of Garden Grove's Emergency Operational Plan is acceptable and in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Services Act. A final action by the City Council will be needed in order to adopt the Resolution approving the new 2009 Emergency Operations Plan.

DISCUSSION

Emergency planning is a critical responsibility of state and local government as provided for in law.

If the City does not have an approved EOP, there may be risk of exposing our jurisdiction to increased liability because the Emergency Service Act provides a greater liability protection for actions taken in concert with it. Actions taken under a plan outside of the Emergency Service Act do not have the same level of liability protection as those under its protective umbrella.

Without an approved EOP, the City may also risk loss of some State disaster (response) recovery funds because of the difficulty in documenting compliance with Government Code 8607, which establishes the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Due to the large size of the EOP it is not included in the agenda packet, but is available for review by the City Council and the public in the City Clerk's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Action to adopt the Resolution will not financially impact the City at this time. Not taking action could, possibly result in denial of the partial funding for emergency management, and possible denial of future claims for reimbursement for local disasters by the city.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The updated EOP aligns with the Strategic Plan in ensuring high quality and efficient public safety services for Garden Grove.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Adopt the 2009 Emergency Operations Plan, which has been approved by the State of California, Emergency Management Agency.

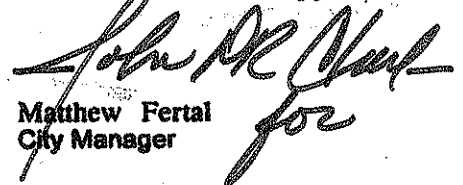


DAVE BERTKA
Fire Chief



By: TJ McGovern
Emergency Services Coordinator
Administrative Fire Captain

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ADOPTING THE CITY'S UPDATED 2009 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN INCORPORATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove's Emergency Operation 's Plan has been updated to incorporate the provisions of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the content of the updated Emergency Operations Plan has been thoroughly evaluated and approved by the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA); and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Plan provides the framework for the Cities Emergency Management function and response to large-scale emergency incidents and disaster events; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated Emergency Operations Plan is incumbent to ensure continuation of the City's Emergency Management assessment and disaster response reimbursement funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the updated Emergency Operations Plan of the City of Garden Grove dated January 2009 is herewith adopted and shall constitute the basis of the City's Emergency Management Operations.