



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TO ACCESS DOJ AND FBI BACKGROUND CHECKS  
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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be an initial background check cost of \$7,125 for all 95 EMTs currently employed with the Fire Department with an ongoing aggregated Registry Fee cost of \$3,515 for Re-Certification every two years. As new hires occur, there is a \$94 initial background check fee: DOJ (\$38), FBI (\$19), and Registry Fee (\$37). The \$37 Registry Fee is ongoing per each 2-Year Re-Certification Cycle.

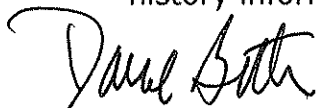
COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

This Resolution and compliance with Assembly Bill 2917 will ensure that the Fire Department remains efficient and a high-quality public safety service provider for the residents of Garden Grove.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

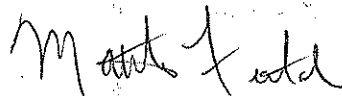
- Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City of Garden Grove Fire Department to access state (DOJ) and federal (FBI) level summary criminal history information for EMTs.



DAVE BERTKA  
Fire Chief

Attachment 1: Resolution

**Recommended for Approval**



**Matthew Fertal**  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND SUBSEQUENT ARREST  
NOTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

WHEREAS, Penal Code Sections 11105(b)(11) and 13300(b)(11) authorize cities, counties, and districts to access state and local summary criminal history information for employment or certification purposes;

WHEREAS, Penal Code Section 11105(b)(11) authorizes cities, counties and districts to access federal level criminal history information by transmitting fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice to be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

WHEREAS, Penal Code Sections 11105(b)(11) and 13300(b)(11) require that there be a requirement or exclusion from employment or certification based on specific criminal conduct on the part of the subject of the record; and

WHEREAS, Penal Code Sections 11105(b)(11) and 13300(b)(11) require the City Council, Board of Supervisors, or governing body of a city, county, or district to specifically authorize access to summary criminal history information for employment or certification purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove Fire Department is hereby authorized to access state and federal level summary criminal history information for all employment purposes (including volunteers and contract employees) and may not disseminate the information to a private entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove Fire Department shall not consider a person who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony or misdemeanor eligible for employment (including volunteers and contract employees) or certification for Emergency Medical Technicians except that such conviction may be disregarded if it is determined that mitigating circumstances exist, or that the conviction is not related to the employment or volunteer in question.