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City Auditor's

# PROPOSITION H IMPACT REPORT

CITY AUDITOR  
CHAMPIONED

**\$33** MILLION

OF NEW REVENUE for  
**Police and Fire**

STAFFING • EQUIPMENT • TRAINING

In 2006, City Auditor Laura Doud found that Long Beach had low oil production tax rates compared to surrounding cities. As a result, City Auditor Doud recommended that the oil production tax be increased to bring in more revenue to support public safety operations.

City Auditor Doud collaborated with City officials, the Long Beach Firefighters and Police Officers Associations, and community organizations to gather support for the ballot initiative known as **Proposition H**. In May 2007, Proposition H passed with **70%** of the vote. Since its inception, Proposition H has continued to raise an average of \$3.3 million dollars of revenue every year for the City's first responders.



# Proposition H at Work - First Responders in Action

# A Safer Long Beach - How Proposition H Serves You

2012 - 2016

47,534

Community Safety Responses



29,568 CALLS FOR SERVICE



1,028 ARRESTS



16,938 CITATIONS ISSUED

**CRIME IMPACT MOTOR TEAM**

**Funding Crime Apprehension**

In 2008, the Police Department used Proposition H funds to launch the **Crime Impact Motor Team**, which uses motorcycle officers – typically responsible for traffic enforcement – to provide more **speed and mobility** in responding to priority calls for service.

In 2015, the Crime Impact Motor Team received the **Unit Citation Award** from the Long Beach Police Foundation, recognizing them for their accomplishments in reducing violent and gang-related crime in high impact areas and for their overall contributions towards public safety.



**2015 RECIPIENTS of the UNIT CITATION AWARD**  
LONG BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION

“We are able to get to calls quickly and have the potential to solve a crime in progress rather than having to piece it together after it has occurred.”  
– Officer Ekram, Crime Impact Motor Team



**New Fire Truck for Station 14**

Proposition H funds were used to purchase a new fire truck for Station 14 in 2009. Truck 14 responded to over **4,200 calls** for service while being funded by Proposition H. These calls include 3,076 requests for emergency medical assistance, 862 fires, and 333 other rescue incidents.



**Re-opening of East Patrol Division Substation**

In 2015, Proposition H funds helped repurpose a former Army Reserve Center, known as Schroeder Hall, to serve as the East Patrol Division substation. The East Patrol Division serves **46% of the City**, the largest geographical area, with over **170,000** Long Beach residents.




**33 New Firefighters & 110 New Police Officers**

With the support of Proposition H revenue, the 2015 and 2016 Fire Academy sessions graduated a total of **33 recruits**. Similarly, Proposition H revenue helped the 2013, 2015, and 2016 Police Academies graduate **110 new officers**.

**FIRE STATION 17, TRUCK 17**


**Funding Life-Saving Operations**

Since 2012, Proposition H funds have been used to meet the operational and personnel needs of Station 17, Truck 17. **Truck 17** and its fire crew primarily serve Council District 4. Through Proposition H, the station has been able to consistently fund **9 positions**, equal to constant staffing for two daily Firefighters and one daily Fire Engineer.



**Rolf Ward**  
Fire Engineer, 19 years of service

Ward has served in the Long Beach Fire Department for 19 years. He considers, “helping people in their time of greatest need a privilege.” He and his fellow firefighters believe that this special responsibility requires sufficient resources and personnel, which Proposition H provides.




**Jason Bowers**  
Firefighter Paramedic, 17 years of service

Bowers has served in the Long Beach Fire Department for 17 years. For him, Proposition H revenue provides the operational and material elements that allow him and his colleagues “to be there for people on the worst day of their lives.”


2012 - 2016

14,148


Emergency Incident Responses



11,329 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS



2,095 FIRES



724 RESCUES, ASSISTS, HAZMAT, ETC.



**H.E.A.R.T.**  
HOMELESS EDUCATION AND RESPONSE TEAM

- Consists of 2 Firefighter Paramedics in a mobile unit targeting the entire City
- Proactively seeks out people in need of housing
- Provides preventative medical care
- Assesses basic healthcare needs and offers alternatives to visiting heavily impacted emergency rooms





**QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM**

- Consists of 1 Police Officer, 1 Clinician, and 1 Police Resource Officer
- Connects residents experiencing homelessness to the resources they need
- Assists in calls involving residents who are homeless
- Educates the public on issues related to homelessness
- Trains Patrol Officers on homelessness





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## PROTECTING LONG BEACH CITIZENS

"I am very pleased that community groups and voters in the City of Long Beach joined together to pass a measure that has provided critical dollars to fund additional first responders and public safety programs here in the City. The passing of Proposition H has resulted in an additional \$33 million over the past ten years for police and fire **at no cost to the taxpayers.**"

*Laura L. Doud*



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