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City Auditor's Public Safety Oil Production Act Impact Summary



CITY AUDITOR
CHAMPIONED

\$52 MILLION

OF NEW REVENUE for
Police and Fire

City Auditor Laura Doud discovered in 2006 that the City's oil production tax on oil companies had remained unchanged and was not in line with other cities. She recommended that the City's oil production tax be increased to bring in more revenue to support public safety operations. This led to the **Public Safety Oil Production Act** which passed with 70% of the vote in 2007.

Since inception in 2007, the Public Safety Oil Production Act has raised an average of **\$3.25 million dollars of revenue every year**, at no cost to City taxpayers, for the City's public safety operations.

With a declining trend in oil production, the City should prepare accordingly as this will impact funding for public safety operations, staffing, and resources which the Public Safety Oil Production Act supports.



Public Safety Oil Production Act at Work – A Safer Long Beach

HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE

HEART

HOMELESSNESS EDUCATION AND RESPONSE TEAM

In 2017, funds supported HEART, a mobile unit of two Firefighter Paramedics. HEART provided rapid response Citywide to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental health, substance abuse, and addiction issues.



816

Emergency Medical Service Contacts were made by HEART in 2017



QOL

QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM

In 2017, the Police Department used funds for the QOL Team, whose purpose is to cultivate relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness and connect them to supporting services. In 2019, the QOL Team and MET combined under the same division to maximize resources.



MET

MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM

Since 2019, funds have supported MET staffing. There are six MET sub-teams, each consisting of one Police Officer and one Health Clinician, that provide assistance to individuals who need access to mental health services. In collaboration with the QOL Team, MET connects individuals experiencing homelessness to temporary housing and mental health facilities.



Police Officer E. Gorski, MET Officer

"When people are given the proper help and opportunity to succeed, it in turn creates a safer City."

Police Officer Brookes, MET Officer

"MET responds to many calls in the City, with the hopes of providing excellent services and options to residents."



In 2022, MET made 894 Contacts with Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and 641 Crisis Evaluations

FUNDING LIFE-SAVING OPERATIONS

Fire Station 17, Fire Truck 17

Since 2012, funds have supported the operations and staffing of Fire Truck 17.



Kory Knapp, Fire Captain

"Fire Truck 17 is a vital part of the delivery of fire emergency services, medical services, fire prevention duties, and community service events."

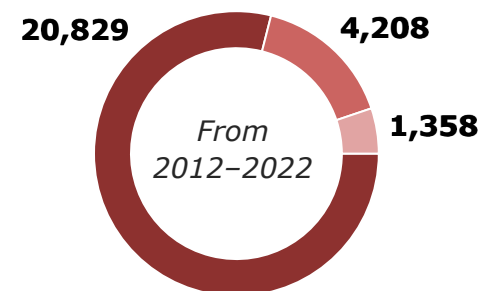
Kasey Kooiman, Fire Engineer

"Stepping in to help someone on their worst day to solve a problem is always rewarding, and having Fire Truck 17 available to protect this area of Long Beach is a relief."



26,395

Total Incident Responses



- Emergency Medical Calls
- Fires
- Rescues, Assists, Hazmats, etc.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY



Fire Truck 14

From 2008 to 2011, funds supported the staffing for Fire Truck 14, and in 2009, helped purchase a new fire truck that **still supports the Fire Department today.**



212 New Police Officers

In 2008, 2013, and from 2015 to 2017, funds supported the Police Academies that graduated a total of **212 Police recruits.**



135 New Firefighters

From 2015 to 2019, funds supported the Fire Academies that graduated a total of **135 Fire recruits.**



Crime Impact Motor Team

In 2008, funds helped launch the Police Department's Crime Impact Motor Team that had over **107,000 community safety responses** from 2008 to 2016.



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PUBLIC SAFETY OIL PRODUCTION ACT IMPACT SUMMARY



*"Since inception in 2007, the Public Safety Oil Production Act has resulted in an additional **\$52 million for police and fire** first responders and public safety programs **at no cost to the taxpayers**. These critical funds support the City's public safety emergency response, homelessness outreach efforts, and mental health services. With a declining trend in oil production, the City needs to prepare accordingly for ongoing funding of Police and Fire staffing and resources which the Public Safety Oil Production Act supports."*

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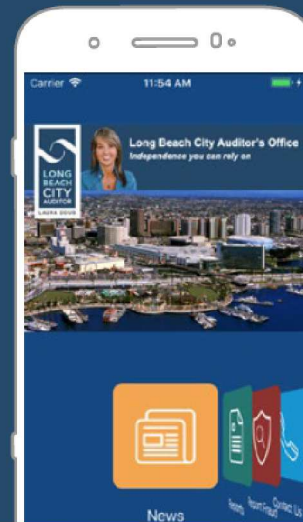
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