

Financial Impact Analysis of Reductions to General Fund Departments: Fire

Sierra Madre Fire Department:

The reductions in the Fire Department, outlined in Figure 2 below, consists of eliminating the Ambulance and EMS from the Sierra Madre Fire Department. The service reduction would eliminate the equivalent of 6 Fire Fighter-Medic positions. If these services were provided by a contracted partner or the County, it is possible, perhaps likely, the responding ambulance would not be dispatched from Sierra Madre, which could dramatically increase response times.

Currently the Sierra Madre Fire Department provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to all ambulance calls and arrives in approximately 3 minutes and 30 seconds. Response times for ambulance services from outside of Sierra Madre would comply with the County response time requirements and would be no more than 8 minutes and 59 seconds.

In 2016 SMFD responded to nearly 800 ambulance calls within approximately 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

The expected revenue loss in the Fire Department comes from the loss in billing receipts paid for paramedic services as well as the cancellation of the City's "subscription" service which protects subscribers (residents) from being responsible for payments outside of what insurance covers.

After laying off all employed paramedic personnel and eliminating ambulance service in its entirety in Sierra Madre, the General Fund savings is anticipated to be \$96,000.

Figure 2.

Fire Department Reductions	
Paramedic (FY2016-17)	\$ 393,000
Subtotal Reductions	\$ 393,000
Fire Department Lost Revenue	
Paramedic	\$297,000
Subtotal Lost Revenue	\$ 297,000
Grand Total Fire	\$ 96,000