

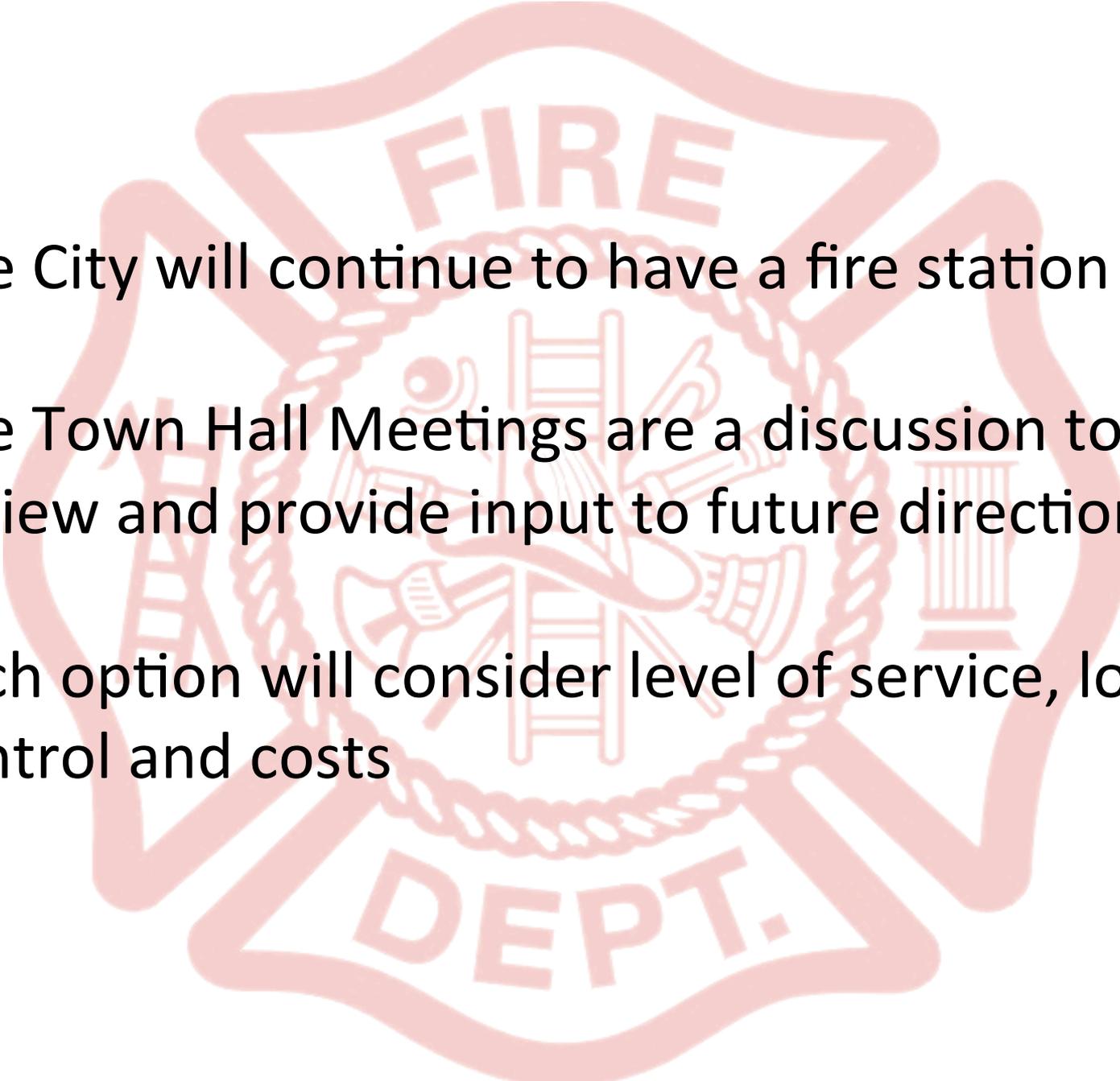
HERMOSA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Future of Fire Services in Hermosa Beach

Town Hall Meeting

October 2016

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- The City will continue to have a fire station
 - The Town Hall Meetings are a discussion to review and provide input to future direction
 - Each option will consider level of service, local control and costs
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Hermosa Beach

HBFD

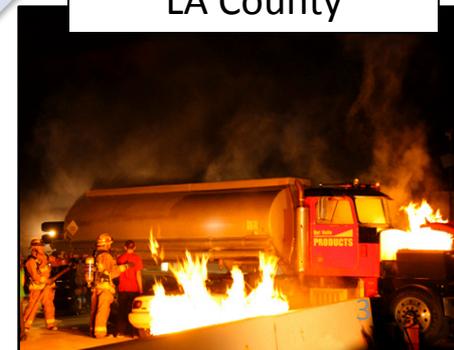
5 Firefighters Per Shift
 1 Fire Chief
 1 Battalion Chief Per Shift
 Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 1 Fire Marshal/Inspector/Code Enforcement

FUTURE

LACoFD

5 Firefighters Per Shift
 Chief Officers, Shift, Admin, Training
 Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 Fire Prevention Bureau
 Training/EMS/Administrative Chiefs
 Hazardous Materials/Technical Rescue
 Public Educators

LA County



PRESENT

5 Firefighter Per Shift
 1 Fire Chief
 Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 Fire Prevention/Arson
 (Part time Fire Marshal, 1 Inspector-2, part time Fire Inv.)



Local Fire

PAST

Volunteerism/Community Involvement
 Firefighting Fires
 Basic Life Support (BLS)



Volunteers

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Three Key Points for Consideration



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Level of Service

Local Control of
the Fire
Department

Cost of Providing
Services

Current Daily Staffing

- 3 Firefighter/Paramedics, Engineer/Paramedic, Captain/Paramedic
+ 4 full-time administrative staff
(*Fire Chief, Admin Assistant, Emergency Manager, Fire Inspector*)
- Each day staffing 1 Paramedic Fire Engine and 1 Paramedic Rescue Ambulance
- Typical call responses include fire, medical, good intent and public assist

Total Staffing Per Shift = 5

Total Safety Personnel (3x5) = 15

Total Department Personnel = 19





INCIDENT TYPE	July To June FY-'15/16	#
EMS	2016	1432
Good Int	2016	613
Fire	2016	80
HazMat	2016	178
Pub Asst	2016	139
False	2016	104
Rupt/Exp	2016	5
Other	2016	6
Weather	2016	3
Grand Total:		2,560

Proposed Daily Staffing

- Hermosa Beach Fire - Firefighter/Paramedics, Engineer/Paramedic, Captain/Paramedic, Battalion Chief + 4 full-time administrative staff (Fire Chief, Admin Assistant, Emergency Manager, Fire Marshal/Fire Inspector)

Total Staffing Per Shift = 6

Total Safety Personnel = 18

Total Department Personnel = 22

- LA County Fire - Firefighter/Paramedics, Engineer, Captain; current organization has capacity to absorb and fulfill all other requirements for a full service fire department

Total Staffing Per Shift = 5

Total Assigned to Hermosa = 15

Total Department Personnel = 4000 +



Proposed Daily Staffing, cont'd.

LA County expert staff includes:

- Command Staff (Battalion Chiefs and above)
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Disaster Response
- Urban Search & Rescue
- Fire Prevention
- Command Center
- Incident Management Teams
- Robust Training Division



Level of Service Comparison – HBFD vs. LACoFD

Services	Current	Increase Staffing	LACoFD
Basic Life Support	X	X	X
Paramedics	X	X	X
Paramedic Fire Engine (2 Paramedics)	X	X	City Option
Paramedic Assessment Fire Engine (1 Paramedic)	X	X	X
Ladder Truck			X
Patient Transport	X	X	City Option
Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle			X
Urban Search And Rescue Vehicle			X
Swift Water Rescue			X
Technical Rescue (trench, confined space, high angle, low angle)			X

Level of Service Comparison – HBFD vs. LACoFD, cont'd.

Services	Current	Increase Staffing	LACoFD
Shift Chief Officers		X	X
Staff Chief Officers			X
Incident Management Teams			X
Fire Marshal	Part Time	X	X
Plan Review		X	X
Fire Inspectors	X	X	X
Educators			X
Arson Investigators	Part Time	Part Time	X
Command Center Dispatching			X
Emergency Medical Dispatching			X

Level of Service Comparison – HBFD vs. LACoFD, cont'd.

Services	Current	Increase Staffing	LACoFD
Training Division			X
Training Facilities			X
Planning Division			X
Facilities Division			X
Air Support			X
Lifeguard Division			X
Fire Mechanics 24/7/365			X
Radio Techs			X
Emergency Services Manager + CERT Coordinator	X	X	X

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Local Control: City of Hermosa Beach Fire Dept.

- Ability to hire the Fire Chief
- Ability to hire Firefighters
- Ability to control the budget
- Ability to determine level of service
- Ability to control fire department resources



Local Control: LA County Fire Dept.

- The Assistant Chief responsible for the delivery of fire services in Hermosa Beach is based out of Gardena
- Budget is mutually agreed upon by City Council and LA County Board of Supervisors
- Level of service is determined by a mutually agreed upon contract
- LA County Firefighters who live & work in the South Bay would have the opportunity to serve Hermosa Beach. All LACoFD Firefighters that live in the South Bay would be available during a disaster
- The Los Angeles County Fire Department currently provides fire services for 58 out of 88 cities in the County

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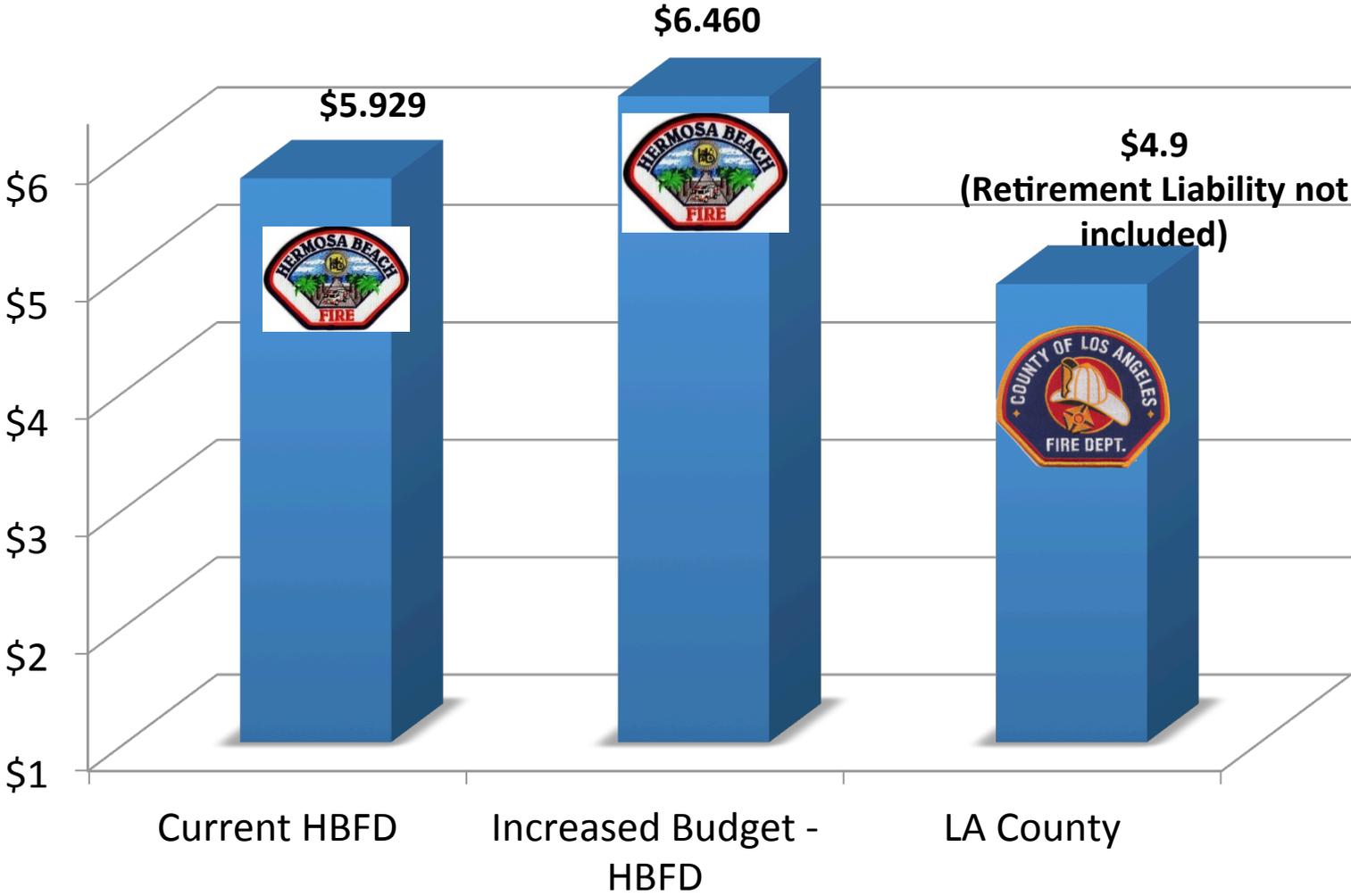


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Fire Services Overview: Cost by Millions



Additional Budget Facts

- The cost of the City's new neighborhood fire station is approximately \$10M, headquarters fire station is approximately \$15M
- No matter what service level is selected, the City has to rebuild the station
- The savings through opting for LA County Fire Department services will provide additional funding for the new fire station in Hermosa Beach



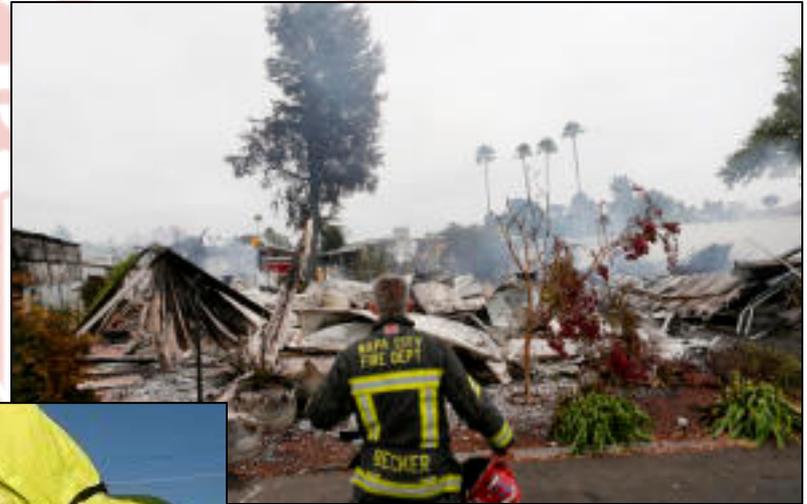
Current HBFD Station



Looking Forward

Community Review

- Are we prepared?
- Can we do more?



Community Review

- What is the best decision for our community today and for the future of Hermosa Beach?

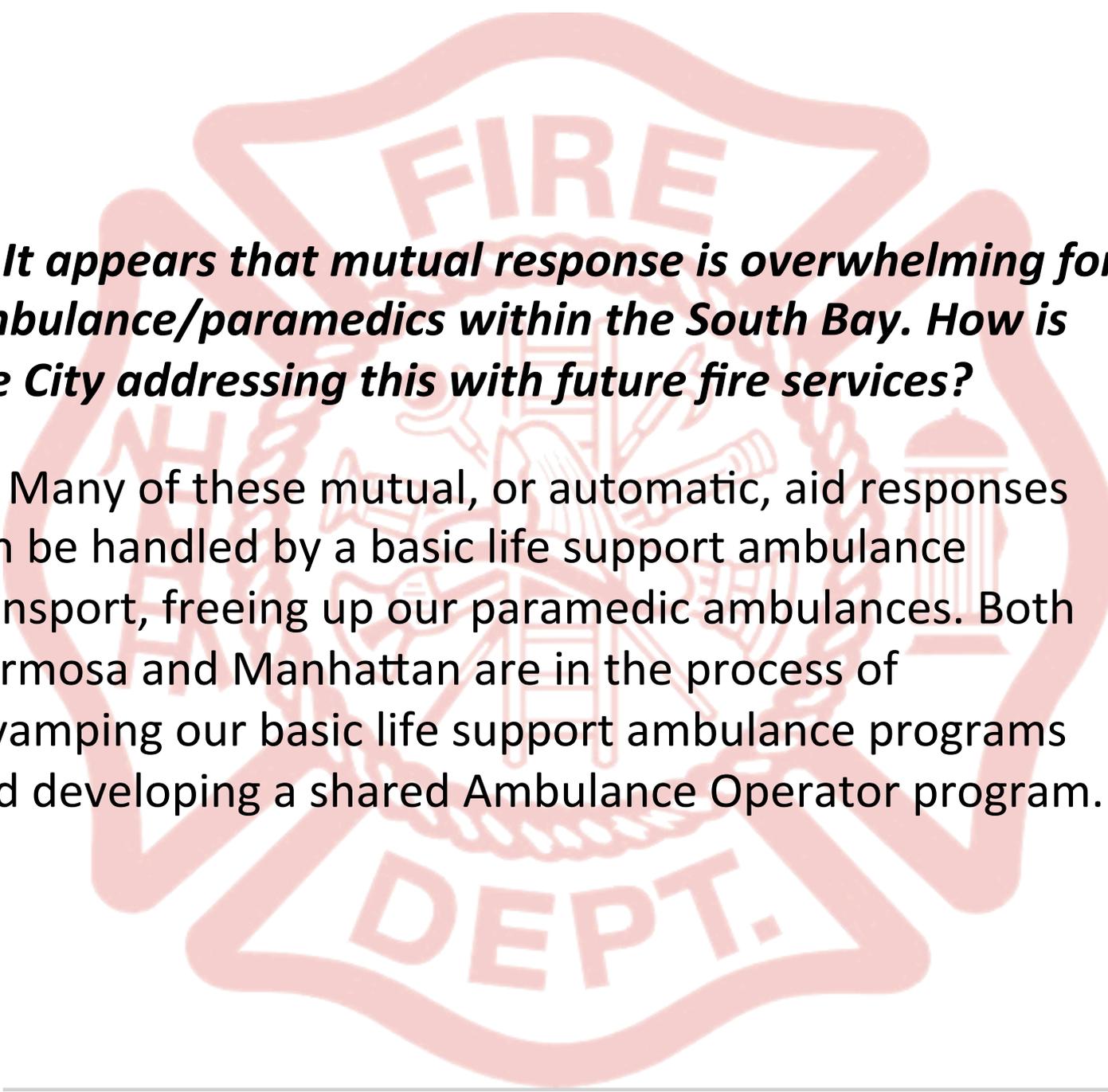


Timeline

- Town Hall Meetings: Aug. & Sept.
- Group Meetings (as requested)
- City Council Study Session- October
- Council Decision - November

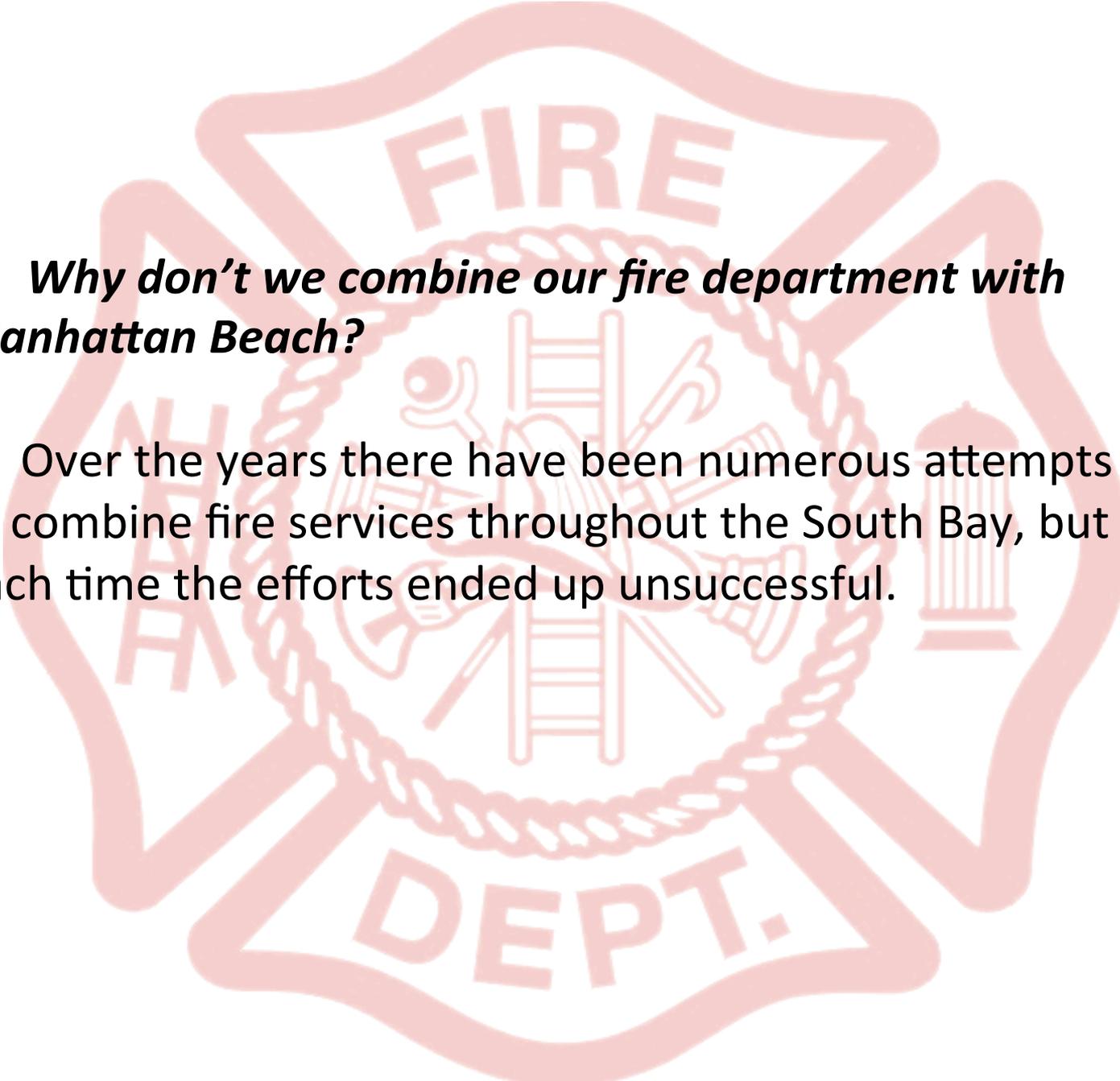


Questions & Answers



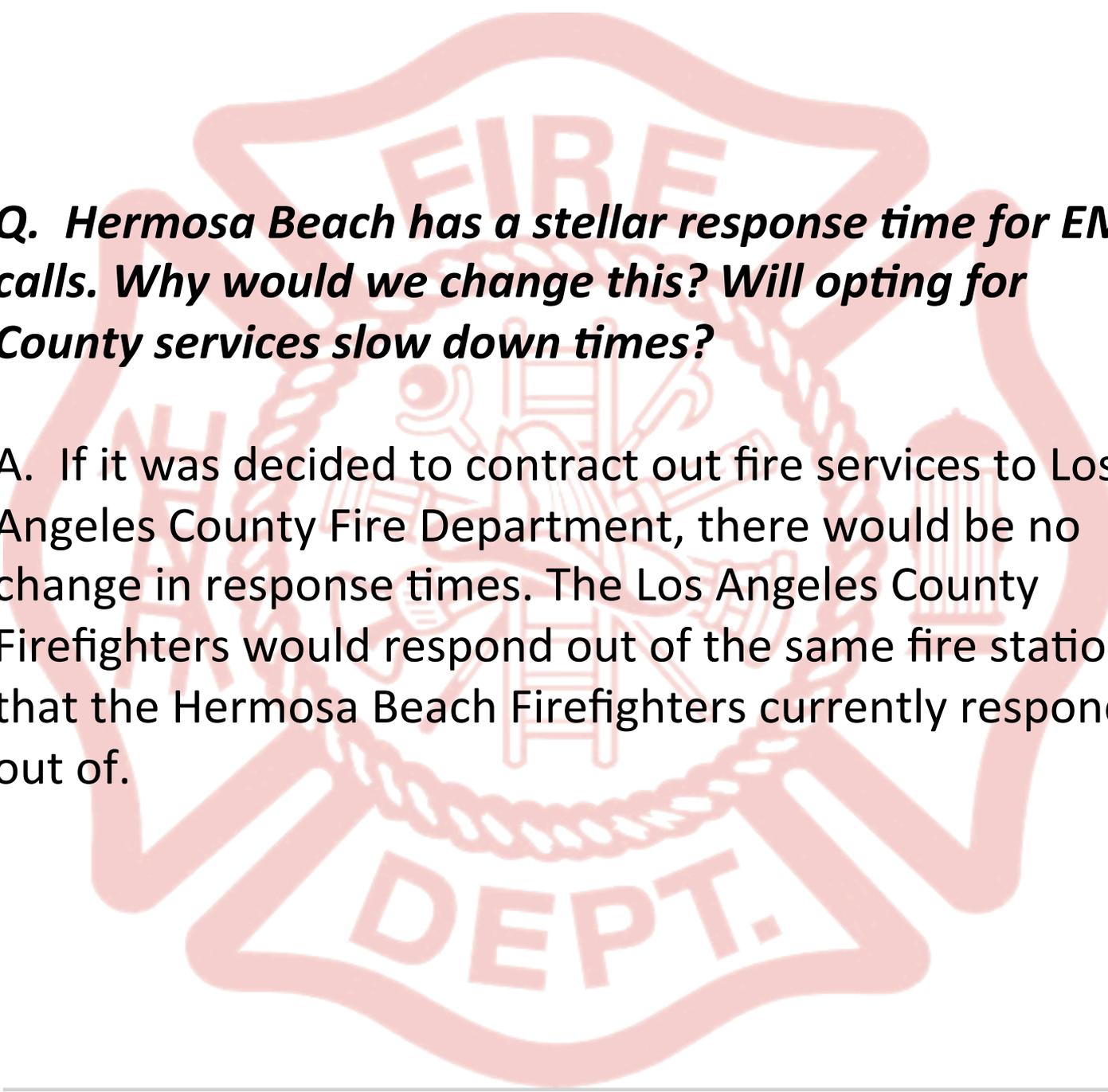
Q. It appears that mutual response is overwhelming for ambulance/paramedics within the South Bay. How is the City addressing this with future fire services?

A. Many of these mutual, or automatic, aid responses can be handled by a basic life support ambulance transport, freeing up our paramedic ambulances. Both Hermosa and Manhattan are in the process of revamping our basic life support ambulance programs and developing a shared Ambulance Operator program.



Q. Why don't we combine our fire department with Manhattan Beach?

A. Over the years there have been numerous attempts to combine fire services throughout the South Bay, but each time the efforts ended up unsuccessful.

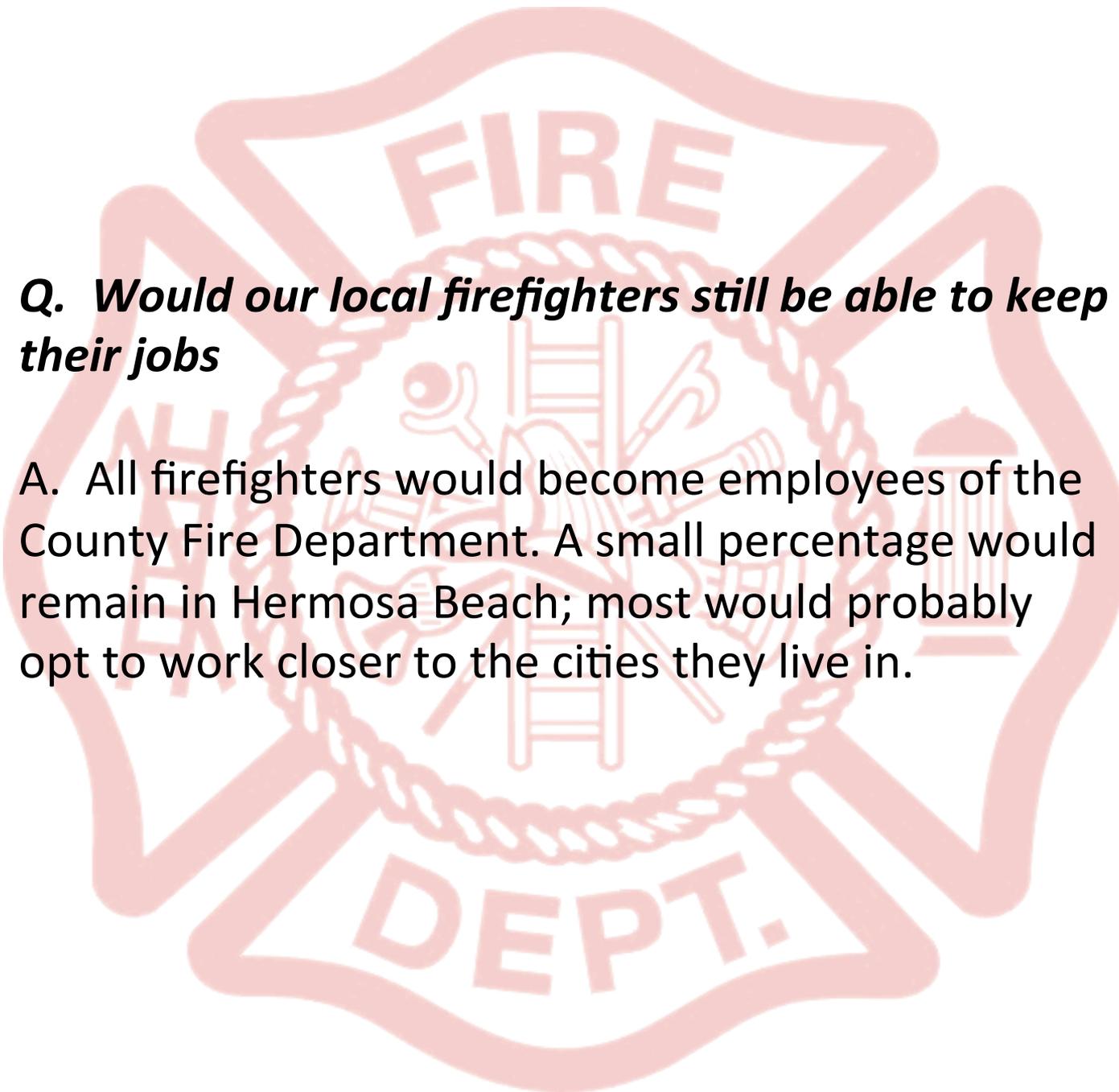


Q. Hermosa Beach has a stellar response time for EMS calls. Why would we change this? Will opting for County services slow down times?

A. If it was decided to contract out fire services to Los Angeles County Fire Department, there would be no change in response times. The Los Angeles County Firefighters would respond out of the same fire station that the Hermosa Beach Firefighters currently respond out of.

Q. Is there any evidence that contracting out fire/EMT services would lead to reduced response time?

A. As I have stated above, there would be no change in response times. Los Angeles County Fire Department has very aggressive turnout times (the time it takes the firefighters to get out of the fire station) for their Department personnel. Currently, their “turnout times” are equal to, or faster, than both Hermosa and Manhattan Firefighters. There may be reduced response times for station coverage, and/or 2nd and 3rd alarm assignments. Additionally, there may be an opportunity to leverage the lifeguards during an emergency.

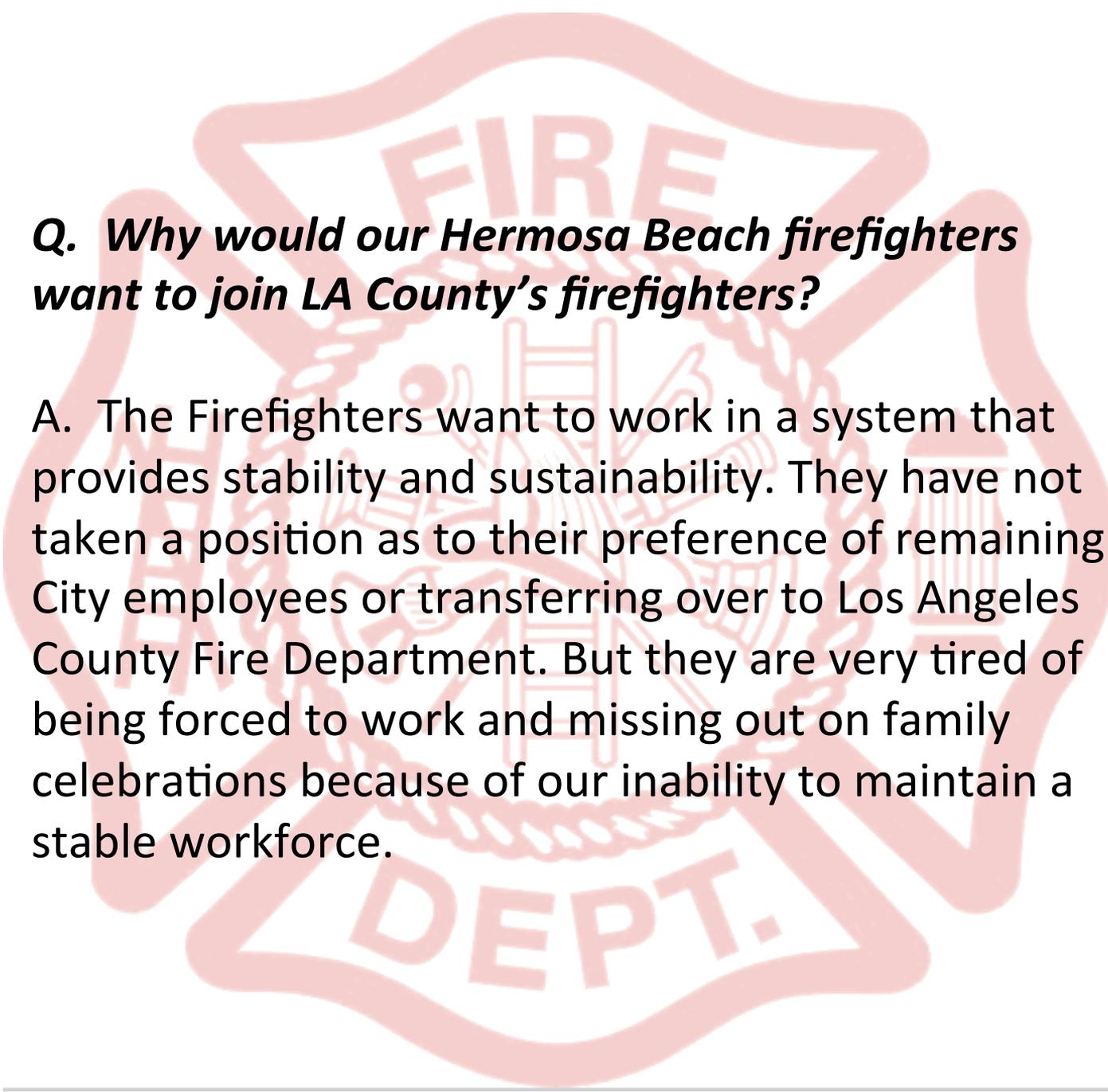


Q. Would our local firefighters still be able to keep their jobs

A. All firefighters would become employees of the County Fire Department. A small percentage would remain in Hermosa Beach; most would probably opt to work closer to the cities they live in.

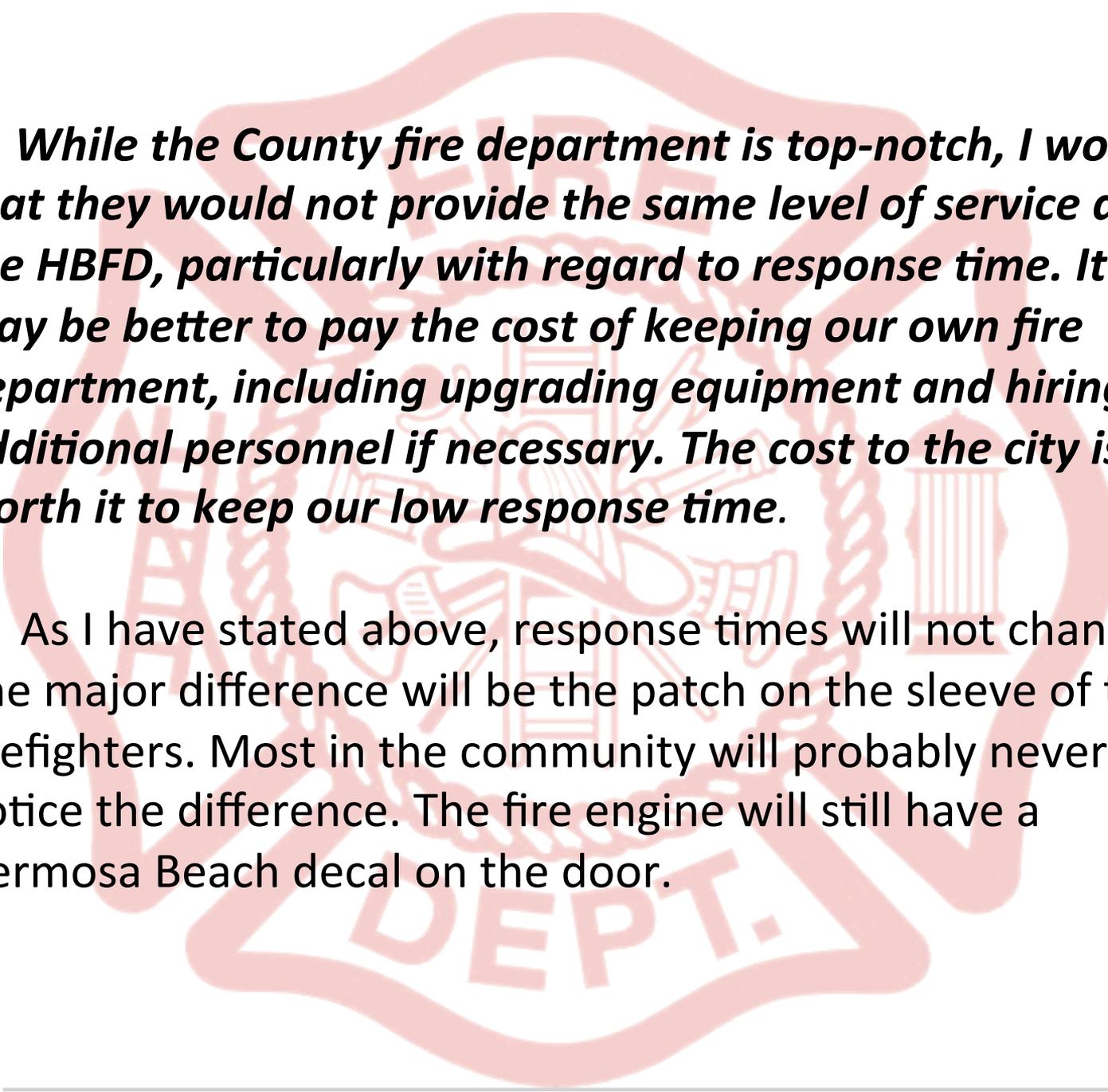
Q. Manhattan Beach, Hermosa and Redondo have all supported each other during high call times. How would this change with opting services with County?

A. Los County Fire Department currently participates in all the South Bay Fire Department's Automatic and Mutual Aid agreements. Because of this, there would be no change in the support that both Redondo and Manhattan receive. Los Angeles County surrounds both cities and has the ability to not only send a fire engine and paramedic unit out of Hermosa, but can also provide fire engines and paramedics from their surrounding cities such as Lawndale, Hawthorne and beyond.



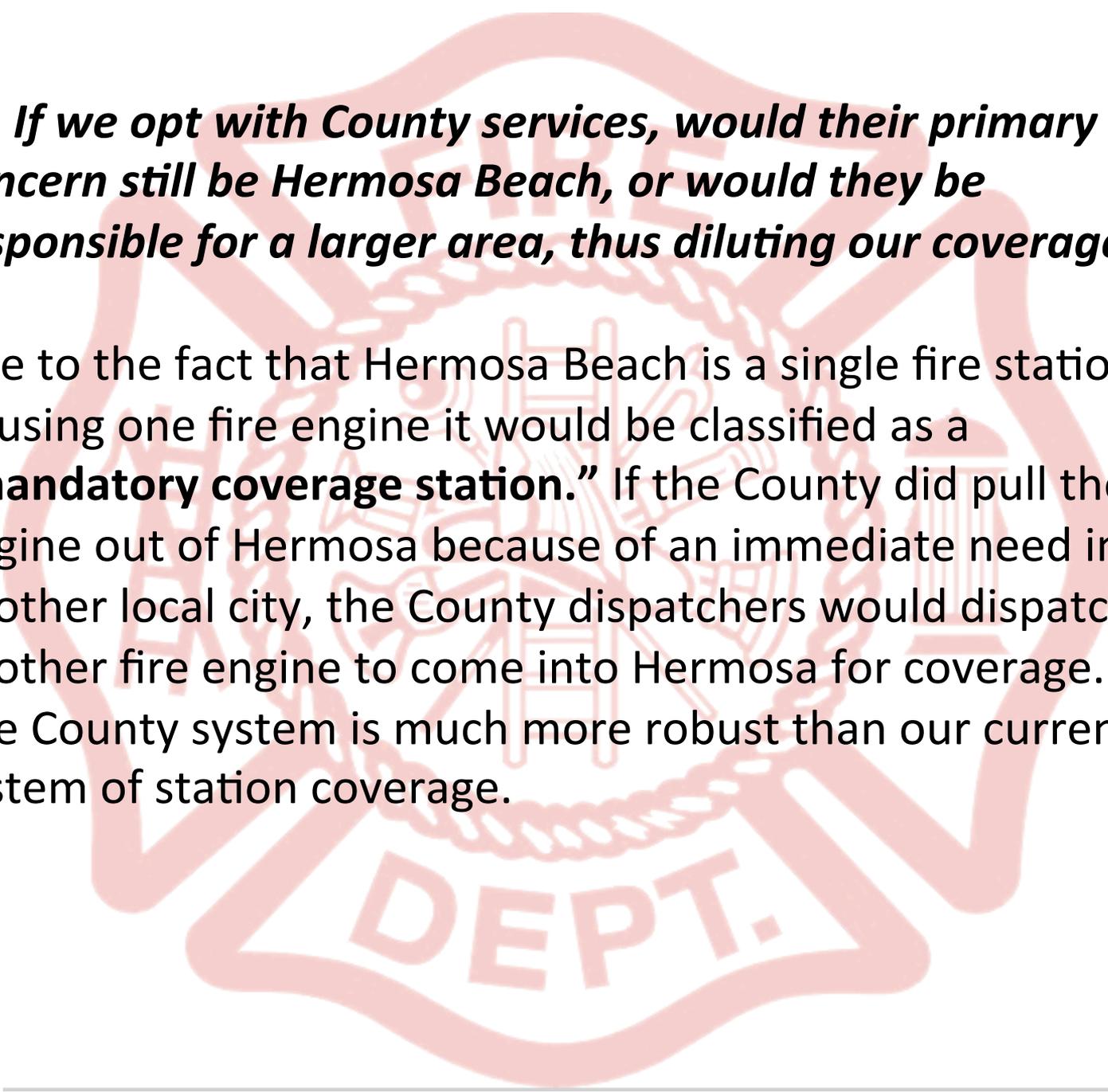
Q. Why would our Hermosa Beach firefighters want to join LA County's firefighters?

A. The Firefighters want to work in a system that provides stability and sustainability. They have not taken a position as to their preference of remaining City employees or transferring over to Los Angeles County Fire Department. But they are very tired of being forced to work and missing out on family celebrations because of our inability to maintain a stable workforce.



Q. While the County fire department is top-notch, I worry that they would not provide the same level of service as the HBFD, particularly with regard to response time. It may be better to pay the cost of keeping our own fire department, including upgrading equipment and hiring additional personnel if necessary. The cost to the city is worth it to keep our low response time.

A. As I have stated above, response times will not change. The major difference will be the patch on the sleeve of the firefighters. Most in the community will probably never notice the difference. The fire engine will still have a Hermosa Beach decal on the door.



Q. If we opt with County services, would their primary concern still be Hermosa Beach, or would they be responsible for a larger area, thus diluting our coverage?

Due to the fact that Hermosa Beach is a single fire station, housing one fire engine it would be classified as a **“mandatory coverage station.”** If the County did pull the engine out of Hermosa because of an immediate need in another local city, the County dispatchers would dispatch another fire engine to come into Hermosa for coverage. The County system is much more robust than our current system of station coverage.



QUESTIONS ?