



City of La Verne

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Official City of La Verne Statement on Fire Services Matter

LA VERNE, CA – The City has been made aware of significant activity in the past week regarding fire services and the City’s statement in response to that situation. First and foremost, the City’s statement was not posted as an attack but as an effort to ensure the community has all the information pertinent to this matter.

Last week the City released [two memos](#) from former Interim Fire Chief, David Segura, dated April 20 and April 26, 2021. One was a response to a meeting with the Mayor where a discussion was had regarding the Mayor’s proposal to add fire personnel to expand deployment at Station 3 to add a Paramedic Assessment Engine. The memo acknowledges that additional staff would improve the department’s suppression efforts, but also noted that, considering there are significant operational and logistical challenges that need to be addressed before expanding Department staffing, the existing deployment should be maintained until an ongoing funding source has been identified.

The second, and later memo, reflects his opinion of the challenges, and importance, of filling the department’s existing vacancies and that the redeployment of the Rescue Ambulance at Station 3 must remain the City’s number one priority. This is consistent with the City and department’s actions over the last year of actively recruiting to hire firefighter/paramedics to address that need.

In line with this, during the May 17th City Council meeting, staff was directed to pursue a Standards of Response Coverage (SOC) study to determine how to best improve both fire and medical response services, as well as explore sustainable funding options.

These memos, along with detailed information about the La Verne fire and emergency services matter and the Fire Department Service Deployment Review report conducted by Messina and Associates, can be accessed on the City’s dedicated webpage at LVFireServices.com.

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