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To: LAHCFD Fire Commission

From: Dave Stewart, LAH CERT IT Team

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Subject: CERT IT Connection to Fire Commission Network

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval for CERT IT team to install a cable from the Fire Commission closet to the CERT Network. Approval for the use of the Fire Commission Network by the CERT ITTeam during exercises and deployments. The project cost is \$0.00. The materials are already on hand with the CERT.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The CERT IT team requires an internet connection to transmit all requested incident and reporting information to the LAH EOC. Reports contain a large amount of data and are in a variety of computer file formats. Currently this data must be communicated using a combination of HAM (packet/voice) and hand delivery between the CERT IC at Foothill and the LAH EOC at the town hall. A high speed data communications solution allows the use of standard computer applications (file transfer, email, etc), greatly improving coordination and communication efficiency between the ARK and the EOC, and improving overall situational awareness.

BACKGROUND

Over the past year and a half, the LAH CERT IT Team has been honing their data collection and reporting procedures. In doing so, the team has found that the use of an internet connection and standardized spreadsheets will speed the delivery of summarized data to the EOC. During drills, the CERT has made temporary use of the fire station network to pilot the solution. The fire district has said their network is restricted to fire personnel and would like CERT to use the Fire Commission network.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Lack of this capability will result in delays for actionable data to be received by the EOC and potentially delays in critical resources arriving to help the community in an emergency.

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STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

CERT IT Team personnel will install a cable in the Fire Commission closet that will go through the floor and be strung in a manner that is consistent with existing cabling. The cable will be appropriately terminated in a surface mount jack and labeled clearly.