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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

November 14, 2017  
Agenda Item No. 16

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Approval of Budget Amendment for Paramedic Training

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**ABSTRACT:**

On January 26, 2016, the City approved Resolution 2016-11 adopting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach Firefighters Association (NBFA) for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018. As a part of that MOU, the City agreed to send up to four current Firefighters to Paramedic school based on operational needs. The Fire Department requests funding to support the attendance of one unit member in January of 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Approve Budget Amendment No. 18BA-012 appropriating \$95,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus fund balance to account 01040401-713003.

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

The Budget Amendment records and appropriates \$95,000 in increased expenditure appropriations from General Fund unappropriated fund balance to Fire Operations Planned Overtime account 01040401-713003.

**DISCUSSION:**

Due to recent promotions, the Fire Department has identified an operational need to train additional personnel for possible future Paramedic assignments. As a result, the Fire Department enacted Section 2 (J) Paramedic Training of the current NBFA MOU establishing a competitive process to select a maximum of four current Firefighters to attend Paramedic school. At this time, only one current Firefighter has expressed interest in pursuing the optional training.

The Fire Department is requesting the necessary funds to support the attendance of one unit member in January of 2018. The funding will support increased overtime hours necessary to backfill the employee's position. The employee attending Paramedic School will continue to be compensated at their regular rate of pay.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment A – Budget Amendment