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I am the proud leader of 5,000 emergency responders and business professionals whose mission is to protect your life, your property, and your environmental health through fire protection, life safety and other emergency services.

We weathered the financial storm of the recession, and kept all of our fire stations open to serve you and 4 million other Los Angeles County residents. Now, our budget is beginning to improve, but we will continue to manage our costs to bring you the greatest value for your tax dollar.

Now that we have implemented our "Carve-Out" agreement to reduce the high costs associated with firefighter injuries and accidents, we are beginning to see a reduction in these costs.

Our Strategic Plan is now in its third year, and we are making headway as we "Engineer our Future" to bring the Los Angeles County Fire Department into the 21st century.

We are emphasizing sound fiscal planning, accelerated risk management strategies, continuing to bring you excellent emergency services when you need them, and transforming our organizational culture through proven training methods.

To help us achieve a strong IT infrastructure to take us into the future, we have increased our information technology budget by \$6 million.

Our Emergency Medical Services operations team will soon introduce an Electronic Patient Care Record system to automate our patient information gathered on scene.

This fall, we plan to host a large-scale firefighter employment examination. To help firefighter candidates prepare, we have scheduled a series of seminars across the County. To register, please see our website at fire.lacounty.gov.

Our team embraces diversity, and we invite everyone who is qualified to do this job to consider it as one of the most rewarding careers available today.

We are finalizing our plans to create a charitable foundation to bring new financial support for our educational and youth programs, which are so needed in our communities.

We have updated our Department's website, so please go to fire.lacounty.gov to find out about all that we have to offer you!

Once on the site, link to your local community relations team who are here to serve you, and keep connected to us through our new local social media pages on Facebook and Twitter.

We are here to keep you safe, and we'll be at your door whenever you need us!