



DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2019

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR USE OF THE SALUS CRISIS AND EVENT MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). This agreement will allow the Port Police to access the SALUS web based geographic information system (GIS) information platform software free of charge over a 3-year term. The platform will provide an information management and situational awareness tool for use during incident responses. It will enhance emergency response and resiliency by providing capabilities including rapid development of incident maps, identification of available resources, hazard awareness, information on impacted populations, and crowd-source trends from social media. It will also provide an efficient means to share information and a common operating picture between responders, command posts, and other responding agencies. Access to the SALUS platform will be provided free of charge, therefore, approval of the proposed MOU will have no financial impact to the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the proposed MOU between the Harbor Department and the Homeland Security Advisory Council;
3. Find that the proposed MOU is a cooperative agreement where no financial or staff commitment is required;

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4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the MOU; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – Port Police has utilized the HSA Council SALUS platform since 2018 through an existing one-year MOU that will expire on November 20, 2019. The SALUS platform provides a crisis and event management platform for resource allocation, information sharing and situational awareness solution. Port Police utilizes this solution during its response to unusual occurrences and special events including Fleet Week. The SALUS platform is used by other City Departments including the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Fire Department.

The SALUS platform is a robust collaboration tool that offers a variety of features and functionality that can be used independently or shared with neighboring agencies as needed to manage multi-jurisdictional events. It uses a digital based map that can be populated by the GeoPOLA team at the Harbor Department. SALUS also has access to other data sources including weather, emergency operation plans, census data and public resources valuable in an unusual occurrence.

SALUS is provided, free of charge, by the HSA Council at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy. The HSA Council is a non-profit, innovative, academic enterprise that strives to catalyze and support a multi-jurisdictional and comprehensive approach to preparedness, security, and resiliency in the Los Angeles region. The HSA Council does this by providing innovative technology and opportunities for engagement, capability building, and partnerships for the public, private, and civic sectors across the region.

This MOU establishes the terms of the agreement including services provided by the HSA Council and indemnification. The term of the agreement is three years, commencing upon execution by the Harbor Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a proposed memorandum of understanding between the Harbor Department and the Homeland Security Advisory Council for use of the SALUS Crisis and Event Management Platform, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Access to the SALUS platform will be provided free of charge and is not expected to have a financial impact on the Harbor Department.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. HSA Council SALUS MOU

FIS Approval: _____

CA Approval: _____



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