

PRESS RELEASE

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La Verne, CA - On Thursday, April 16th, the La Verne Fire Department switched its deployment model to return to having two paramedic units available in the City at all times. The difference between this and our traditional deployment model is the LVFD will now be providing Paramedic delivery service based on a "Paramedic Engine" platform rather than a "Rescue Ambulance" platform. Paramedic service within the City will still be provided by the LVFD Firefighter/Paramedics. The other noticeable change is that all patient transportations will be provided by CARE Ambulance. Care Ambulance was previously the City's backup transport provider, now Care Ambulance will be the primary provider of transportation.

This change was warranted as a result of our available workforce and to better prepare resources for the anticipated increase in medical emergency calls associated to COVID-19. Even with this change residents should be aware the cost for Paramedic or Transportation services will not change. It is important to note this is temporary and we expect to return to our previous service delivery model when circumstances allow.

Your City Council and City staff put the citizens of La Verne as our primary concern. As we adapt our available workforce, whether public safety or administrative, the community needs are always our primary concern. We are focused on providing the safest and most responsive emergency services that personnel and circumstances permit. We continue to thank the community for their understanding and support during these unprecedented times.