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Legislation Text

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Receive a presentation by the Solano County Sheriff's Office on the use of the Hi-Lo siren as a warning system to alert the Solano Community of impending disasters

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Sheriff recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation on the use of the Hi-Lo siren as a warning system to alert the Solano Community of impending disasters.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The European Hi-Lo siren produces an unfamiliar sound; however, it has a major role in alerting the public to emergencies. The Hi-Lo siren emits an audible two-tone alarm and can be used from a moving vehicle. The Sheriff's Office successfully deployed the Hi-Lo siren during the LNU Fire.

In response to the 2017 wildfires, Sheriff Offices from Solano, Napa, Sonoma, and Lake Counties installed Hi-Lo sirens in their patrol cars to improve public safety and emergency evacuations during impending disasters. The Hi-Lo siren plays an important part in the County's mass notification system as it helps to notify residents of a natural disaster in their area and alerts them to seek news media (e.g., television, radio, and reliable social media news sources such as the Sheriff's Office Facebook page) immediately.

The intent of this presentation is to familiarize the Board and the public with the sound and use of the Hi-Lo siren which, when used in conjunction with other forms of mass notification systems already in place, such as Alert Solano, will assist the Sheriff's Office in getting important information to our community at critical times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no financial implications associated with the Board receiving this presentation. The sirens are included in patrol vehicles and there is no additional cost for implementation. The cost associated with preparing the agenda item is nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2020/21 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board can choose not to receive this presentation; however, this alternative is not recommended as this presentation will disseminate valuable information to the Solano Community on the use of the Hi-Lo siren.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION