



# UNITED FIREFIGHTERS of Los Angeles City

## THE FACTS ABOUT FIREFIGHTERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

The last class of Firefighters and Paramedics to be hired in the City of Los Angeles was deployed to our neighborhood Fire Stations in 2009.

Since that time, we have lost 560 Firefighters and Paramedics to retirement, injury, Line of Duty Deaths, natural attrition, and former Mayor Villaraigosa's permanent budget cuts.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently released his budget for Fiscal-Year 2014-2015. This budget calls for only two Fire Academy classes that will yield approximately 96 new Firefighters and Paramedics in LA. During this same time, the LAFD is expected to LOSE more than 120 experienced Firefighters and Paramedics. Gain 96. Lose 120. We cannot continue to fall behind.

**The City of Los Angeles needs to commit to five Fire Academy classes in the next fiscal year.**

Public safety and response times in Los Angeles depend on having enough Firefighters and Paramedics in our communities. Our Department is in crisis mode. Civilian fatalities from structure fires and critical injuries are at an all time high in LA. This devastating trend cannot continue.

LA City Firefighters and Paramedics will continue to do our part to protect the public. City leaders need to do their part to support those who save others by providing adequate staffing and resources in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

**UNITED FIREFIGHTERS OF LOS ANGELES CITY**



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**FIREFIGHTERS HIRED SINCE 2009**

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» **The Los Angeles Fire Department is the most understaffed big city Department in the country.**

» Between 2009 and 2012, the LAFD budget was cut 16% and 370 Firefighter and Paramedic positions were permanently eliminated, making the LAFD the most heavily cut Department in the entire City of Los Angeles.

» Despite these cuts, emergency incidents have increased and the LAFD responds to well over 1,100 calls for service every single day, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.



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