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SUBJECT: Fire Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover (CRA/SOC)

As part of the Fire Department's re-accreditation process, the Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover have been updated and revised. This essential document reflects current demographic data on the department's service area and changes because of the deployment of Engine 110, partial deployment of Battalion 102 as well as the implementation of the Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT).

Background

The Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover (CRA/SOC) is a historical document which represents a clear-eyed and data-driven approach to the hazards faced by our community and department. By going through the process of updating the plan, the department stays current on demographic changes in the community as well as changes to the built and natural environments in which we work and respond. Additionally, it allows the city to allocate resources efficiently, plan for future growth, and ensure the safety of its residents.

A collaborative process was taken for this update which involved members of all divisions within the department, including Fire Prevention, CARES and CCAT, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management, in collaboration with other city operational departments like Development Services and Utilities. As the Fire Department seeks re-accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), regular updates and revision of the CRA/SOC documents are required

Regular updates of the critical hazards of Bellevue Fire's service area, as represented in the CRA/SOC, is crucial ensuring city-wide emergency services are aligned with the evolving needs of the community. By continuously reviewing community risks, gaps in service can be identified early with an ability to adapt to emerging needs ultimately improving response times. Furthermore, updates to the CRA/SOC strengthens the city's ability to meet accreditation standards, which enhances its credibility, ensures accountability, and fosters public trust in the safety and preparedness of the entire community.