



# City of Long Beach Emergency Response Study Presentation January 13, 2015



On October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy descended upon the City of Long Beach, causing catastrophic flooding and damage throughout the City, which threatened the health, safety and security of the citizens of Long Beach. For over two years, the barrier island's only 911 receiving center, Long Beach Medical Center (LBMC), has been shuttered, forcing residents to obtain emergency care elsewhere. Due to the geographic isolation of all communities situated on Long Beach Island, coupled with traffic and weather implications, many citizens have expressed serious concerns regarding the timely provision of emergency services.

**Given the uncertainty regarding the fate of the hospital and the status of a 911-receiving emergency room, the City took its next step in its sustained advocacy to bolster emergency services by hiring an expert consulting firm to perform a full-scale evaluation of its emergency response needs.** The consultants have assessed the City's current emergency response needs to have helped identify options for enhanced emergency services going forward.

**The ICMA Center for Public Safety Management was retained by the City of Long Beach to analyze and present a comprehensive report on the state of the City's emergency response practices, and recommend viable options to enhance public safety in light of constraints (including but not limited to available hospital facilities), which includes the analyses of qualitative and quantitative considerations and setting forth implementation strategies.**



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## **About ICMA**

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**The ICMA Center for Public Safety Management** helps communities solve critical problems by providing management support to local governments in the areas of police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), emergency management, and homeland security. The ICMA Center for Public Safety Management follows a standardized approach to conducting analyses of fire, police, and other departments involved in providing services to the public.

## **Additional Information & Public Comments**

- The full report and presentation will be available on LongBeachNY.gov beginning Wednesday, January 14.
- All Long Beach residents will have the opportunity to submit comments during the open comment period via email at [comment@longbeachny.gov](mailto:comment@longbeachny.gov). The comment period will remain open through Tuesday, January 20.
- All are welcome to speak and share comments during Good and Welfare at the City Council meeting next Tuesday, January 20.

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