



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #6

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION: RESPONSE AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB AND FORT LAUDERDALE/HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASS SHOOTING EVENTS

Introduction

Since 1966, there have been 131 mass shooting events in the United States where four or more people have been killed. One hundred and eighteen incidents have occurred since 1982, with 53 events occurring between 2006-2012, along with 28 more cases between 2013 and 2017, including the recent attack in Las Vegas, Nevada. Forty different states and the District of Columbia have been affected, with California experiencing 21 events, more than any other state.

How first responders, hospitals, social service providers, the media, the general public, and local officials are prepared for and respond to such events can save lives. The purpose of this agenda item is to recall the Pulse Nightclub and Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport shootings and learn from these events about what might help improve local, state, and federal response, prevention, communications, and training. For nearly 30 years the regional planning councils, through their Local Emergency Planning Committees, have been providing comprehensive first-responder training and conducting a full-range of emergency preparedness exercises with and for our emergency management community. Most recently, terrorism preparedness and response training and exercises have been increasingly requested by local governments and provided by the councils.

Recommendation

For information and discussion purposes.