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Committee & Councilmembers,

Did I miss an after-action report for the Eaton Fire?

If the Eaton Fire is being invoked for a budget increase, surely there's a report that can be pointed to where specific shortcomings are being addressed by this new budget.

I understand that the department feels it lacks supervisors. Was it a lack of supervision that shaped the department's response in January? I thought it was a lack of water.

To that end, are there line items in the new budget for purchasing additional water tenders, coordinating with other city departments to supply emergency water or enabling emergency water supplies from commercial vendors, if needed? Maybe some of this was done but without an after-action report, we citizens of Pasadena and Altadena don't know whether PFD or LACoFD took the initiative to secure water from any sources other than hydrants or pools.

In real terms, aren't there now fewer houses to protect in Pasadena and less brush that might burn? For the next fiscal year, I'd think that would allow for a decrease in the fire department's budget. But, point me to the after-action report that says otherwise and I'll support such increases wholeheartedly.

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