

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Concerning Mutual Aid Fire Services with Participating Jurisdictions of the Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement concerning mutual aid fire services with the participating jurisdictions of the Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office.

**DISCUSSION:**

The twenty-seven member departments of the Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office desire an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth) for mutual aid fire services. The Agreement is authorized pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code (Interlocal Cooperation Act). Neighboring fire departments often enter into mutual aid agreements to augment emergency response resources at major incidents or to gain emergency response efficiencies in areas where adjacent jurisdiction resources are located in close proximity.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Fort Worth's response will be limited to assistance within the city limits of the member agencies listed below and may include response on an as-needed basis to working structure fires, emergency medical incidents, grass fire incidents, and certain hazardous material or technical rescue situations. Member department's response to Fort Worth may include response on an as-needed basis to working structure fires, emergency medical incidents, and grass fire incidents. Response from all departments shall be subject to the availability of personnel and equipment.

Member cities will be legally responsible for the conduct of their respective fire department employees regardless of whether such employees were performing duties under this Agreement at the request of the requesting City and regardless of whether such employees were acting under the authority, direction, suggestion or orders of an officer of the requesting City. Cities agree to reimburse each other for actual costs other than ordinary operating costs incurred by each other in the performance of this Agreement, except that cities shall be responsible for all costs associated with their own equipment, including damage and breakage. Reimbursement shall be made on an incident-by-incident basis.

Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office Member Departments
City of Azle
City of Bedford
City of Benbrook
City of Blue Mound
City of Burleson
City of Colleyville
City of Crowley
Town of Edgecliff Village
City of Euless
City of Grapevine

Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office Member Departments
City of Haltom City
City of Haslet
City of Keller
City of Lake Worth
Lockheed Martin
City of Mansfield
City of North Richland Hills
City of Richland Hills
City of Roanoke
City of Saginaw
City of Sansom Park
City of Southlake
Tarrant County Fire Marshal
City of Trophy Club
City of Watauga
Town of Westlake
City of White Settlement

This Agreement is consistent with the other mutual aid agreements between Fort Worth and adjoining jurisdictions for fire services. The initial term of the Agreement is 12 months from the date it is fully executed by all the parties. It will then automatically renew on an annual basis unless the City elects to terminate its participation in the Agreement with 30 days' prior notice.

This agreement will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education:  
Participating Jurisdictions of the Tarrant County Fire Marshals Office

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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