

AGENDA



Thursday, June 11, 2009

**Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 17**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County Emergency Services District Number 4 for firefighter certification training at a cost to the City not to exceed \$33,000. This contract provides that the parties may agree in writing to renew this Agreement for an additional two-year term under the same terms and conditions, such renewal to be contingent upon sufficient funding.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$33,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Jim Evans, Assistant Fire Chief/Chief of Staff 974-0132

Travis County Emergency Services District Number 4 (TCESD #4) has developed a training program for firefighter certification for their department and other county fire departments. A class of twenty-three individuals began on October 6, 2008. This agreement will provide City funding in the amount of \$33,000 to provide salaries to the District trainees during their training. Additionally, TCESD #4 is acquiring additional funding from Travis County and funding from private sources. This agreement contributes to the City's social equity goals by providing recruit trainees and their families with opportunities and resources to be self-sufficient.

The training provided will qualify the recruits for Texas Commission on Fire Protection certification as firefighters.

The addition of these District trainees in providing initial firefighter certification training will improve fire response services in those areas where the District delivers these services to the City through a mutual aid agreement. This program also supports AFD's recruiting outreach efforts.