

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 36**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Service District #2 (Pflugerville Fire Department) in order to provide additional fire protection and emergency service response resources for both City and County areas in the northern portion of the City and NE portion of the county. The initial term will be one year beginning August 1, 2009 and the parties may renew for up to four (4) additional one-year terms.

Amount and Source of Funding: No funding is required

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

For More Information: Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, 974-0130; Principal Planner Antonio Gonzalez, 974-4115

The Austin Fire Department and TCESD #2 would like to improve response times to the northern area of the City of Austin and the western portion of TCESD #2's territory, around the IH 35 and Wells Branch Parkway intersection. This area has limited depth of units, and the agreement will allow both AFD and TCESD #2 to utilize existing units to provide better service to their residents. By being able to send the closest units, regardless of jurisdiction or fire department, both COA residents and TCESD #2 residents will receive improved emergency service.

The Automatic Aid agreement will provide improved emergency response in the northern area of the City since AFD Station 40 and TCESD #2 Station 2 are both located less than four miles from the IH 35 and Wells Branch Pkwy intersection. Units from both fire departments would be dispatched to incidents on the basis of nearest available unit.

AFD will monitor incident and response time performance in the area to determine the level of improvement in fire protection and emergency response after the effective date of the agreement.