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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

16215

Agenda Number

26.

Meeting Date:

8/2/2012

Department:

Austin Fire Department

Subject

Authorize execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Service District No. 9, Westlake Fire Department, to provide additional fire protection and emergency service response resources for both City and County areas in the Western portion of the City. The initial term is one year 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

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information: Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, 974-0130; Principal Planner Christine Thies, 974-4119

Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Fire Department (AFD) and TCESD 9 have had a compensated agreement to provide first responder service to the area since 1996. Recently, AFD reviewed all Automatic Aid agreements and determined that support levels under the current agreement between the two parties were balanced, much like AFD Automatic Aid agreements with other TCESD's.

Under the proposed Automatic Aid Agreement, units from both fire departments are to be dispatched to incidents based on nearest available unit. Through the ability to send the closest units in these areas, both COA residents and TCESD 9 residents will receive better response without regard to jurisdiction. This agreement will be beneficial to both City of Austin and TCESD #9.

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.