



**Interlocal Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 11
AGENDA DATE: Thu 11/17/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Services District Number 4 for firefighter certification training at a cost to the City not to exceed \$33,000

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Fire
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Jim Evans**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Evans, Acting Fire Chief/974-4100, Flo Soliz, Assistant Fire Chief/974-4100

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The City currently has an interlocal agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District Number 4 for the District to provide firefighting and EMS first response services to areas within the City that are closer to the District than the existing City fire facilities. The District responds to the calls in that area and provides services until the City fire and EMS crews arrive.

TCESD #4 has developed a training program for firefighter certification for their department and other county fire departments. A class of fifteen individuals began on 10-17-05. 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 certification as firefighters.

The Austin Fire Department will benefit from this effort. Initially, 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. Additionally, graduates of this training program could be eligible to apply with the Austin Fire Department.