



Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Service with Johnson County Emergency Service District No. 1

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Updating the current Interlocal Agreement

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Service is to replace the existing agreement, which entailed an annual contract price of \$63,000.00 paid by the City of Burleson to Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1. The annual contract price assisted Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 with supplemental staffing. Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 no longer necessitates payment, as professional crews now provide continuous coverage at the station in the automatic aid agreement area, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This agreement continues to foster a collaborative framework aimed at providing mutual support during situations and disasters that may strain the resources of a single agency or jurisdiction. The agreement creates a collaborative arrangement to assist one another during situations and disaster that at times overwhelm the resources of a single agency or jurisdiction.

Automatic/ Mutual Aid

Automatic Aid Response is for structure fires and is determined by a map attached to the agreement. All automatic aid responses will respond when requested to the defined district with one engine or quint staffed with a minimum of 3 firefighters on all reported structure fires, within a specified area. All such responses are subject to availability of personnel and equipment.

Mutual aid may include any area within the jurisdiction of the requesting department (e.g. city limits or district boundaries) and may include responding to fire, EMS, and other types of emergencies. Calls for assistance during "working" structure fires, EMS, vehicle accidents, and other types of incidents shall be given on an "as needed basis" and shall include one engine or quint staffed with a minimum of 3 firefighters. All such responses are subject to availability of personnel and equipment.

Benefits accomplished through proposed Agreement

Community Benefit: The primary goal of the agreement is to create a collaborative arrangement to assist one another during situations and disaster that at times overwhelm the resources of a single agency or jurisdiction.

Effective Emergency Response: By combining resources and expertise, the agreement ensures a more efficient and effective emergency response to incidents and disasters.

Overflow of Resources: The purpose of the agreement is to address situations when one agency experiences a surge in calls or incidents that exceed their capacity, allowing the other agency to step in and provide support.

Liability and Accountability: Clear provisions are established to define the responsibilities, liability, and accountability of each agency when providing or receiving mutual aid.



Council Action Requested

Approve

- Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Service effective December 1, 2023



Questions/ Comments?