

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Fire and EMS Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Update
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to approve the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents. These documents are updated annually. The updated Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager's Office.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Columbus Fire and EMS is requesting approval of the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents. These documents are updated annually. The updated Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager's Office.

Background: Columbus Fire and EMS initially published its first Strategic Plan in 2002 and Standards of Cover in 2002. The Strategic plan was presented to City Council and adopted March 12, 2002 by Resolution 114-02. The Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment was presented to City Council and December 4, 2012 by Resolution 350-12.

Analysis: The strategic plan is used to direct the department for future needs and considerations. The Strategic Plan is also a required document for our International Accreditation. The Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment document is provided to serve as Columbus Fire and EMS Standards of Response Coverage Plan. The purpose of this document is to define the level of service based on a comprehensive study of the department's historical performance, community risk factors and expectations, and existing and proposed deployment strategies.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations. The grant is for equipment that will enhance the treatment of the trauma patient amounting to \$7987.69, with no matching funds required.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required for adoption of Standards.

Recommendation/Action: Authorization is requested for the adoption of the Columbus Fire and Emergency Management Service annually revised Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover documents.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, UPDATING THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN AND STANDARD OF COVER/COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services requests council approval of update to the departments Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services strategic plan is the document used to communicate with the organization the organizations goals, the actions needed to achieve those goals and all of the other critical elements developed during the planning exercise; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services will utilize standards of cover document to assist the department in identifying unique characteristics of our community, apply a methodology to perform an all hazards risk assessment, determine response strategies relative to the community's unique hazard risks, assess the historical quality of emergency response performance, identify specifically where quality performance exists and where quality of performance is challenged and establish plans for quality maintenance or improvement as necessary; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has utilized these two core international accreditation documents to make informed decision on department strategies. The Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents will also assist in the determination of future resources for the department.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1) Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services requests council approval of update to the departments Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective _____ the attached documents have been adopted for Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.

Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor