

**Columbus Consolidated Government**

**Council Meeting**

**May 11, 2021**

**Agenda Report #**

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**SUBJECT:** Columbus Fire and EMS Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Update

**INITIATED BY:** Columbus Fire and EMS Department

**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.

**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.

RESOLUTION NO.     -21

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.

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.

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,

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, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Columbus, Georgia, as follows:

Effective      May 11, 2021      the attached documents have been adopted for Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of May, 2021, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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	_____

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Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor