

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kevin M. Lomeli, Fire Chief

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Luis Pedroza, Interim City Manager

**FOCUS AREA:** Organization Improvements

**ORGANIZATIONAL  
IMPROVEMENTS:** Enhance Service

**SUBJECT:** **RESOLUTION NO. 21-1479**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING to ENTER into a MUTUAL AID COMPACT AGREEMENT between the City of Douglas and the DEPARTMENT of the ARMY, US ARMY GARRISON, FORT HUACHUCA (USAG) and the FIRE DEPARTMENTS of LOCAL COUNTY COCHISE COMMUNITIES for purposes of PROVIDING MUTUAL AID between this entity and political subdivisions for pooled resources to better respond during emergencies in the City of Douglas and surrounding communities.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This agreement provides a basis for cooperation between the parties on all aspects of fire/emergency services and management. In addition, it will facilitate the cooperative use of resources. This agreement provides a basis for cooperation between the parties on all aspects of fire/emergency services and management. In addition, it will facilitate the cooperative use of resources. The rendering of assistance under the terms of this agreement shall not be mandatory.

Each party waives all claims against the other party for compensation, for any loss, damage, injury or death occurring as a consequence of the performance of this agreement except those claims authorized under 15 U.S. Code § 2210 (Reimbursement for costs of firefighting on Federal property)

Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1856a (Authority to enter into reciprocal agreement; waiver of claims; reimbursement; ratification of prior agreements), reimbursement may be sought of any party for all or any part of the cost incurred by such party in furnishing fire protection for or on behalf of any other party.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Douglas Fire Dept. has determined that it is in its best interests to enter into a Mutual Aide Compact with the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca (USGA) which provides Mutual Aide compact whereas either entity can respond to each other's jurisdiction and provide needed assistance for any particular requested incident.

**DISCUSSION:**

**“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21-1479.”**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.