



TOWN OF EAGAR
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 22 WEST 2ND STREET

STAFF COMMUNICATION

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

AGENDA ITEM: 9.F

HISTORY: We are seeking approval to loan 4 MSA air packs and 8 SCBA bottles to Greer Fire District. RVFMD currently has 28 MSA G1 air packs and 56 SCBA bottles. After merging departments, we have an excess as both departments recently obtained air packs and bottles prior to the merge. We have more air packs than we have personnel to use them. Greer Fire District is using 15-year-old SCOTT air packs that are not compatible with our masks or bottles. Greer has been unsuccessful in recent grant applications to update their SCBA systems. An automatic aid agreement was put in place on November 16th 2024. Since this time Greer has been dispatched to all fires in the RV area as our second responding unit. Having both departments use the same equipment would help the calls run more efficiently and safely. All air bottles on scene would be interchangeable and able to be filled from our support truck on scene. Per the proposed agreement we would loan the 4 air packs and 8 SCBA bottles to Greer. In return Greer would pay \$1000 annually to help with maintenance costs of the air packs, SCBA bottles, and the cascade systems used to fill the bottles. When Greer can obtain their own updated SCBA system the equipment would be returned to RVFMD. This automatic aid agreement has made a major impact on the RV and Greer areas for fire responses. Both agencies are now guaranteed a second fire apparatus response. Having Greer respond in equipment that is up to date and compatible with RVFMD equipment will continue to improve fire responses in the area.

ATTACHMENTS: Agreement between RVFMD & Greer Fire District

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approving Agreement