

## CITY OF MINNETRISTA



### WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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**Subject:** Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Update

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**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025

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**Issue:** Representatives of the Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) group, comprising Minnetrista, Mound, Spring Park, and St. Bonifacius, request to update the City Council and facilitate discussion on the potential establishment of a Fire Department JPA.

**Overview:**

**Representatives:** Mayor Lisa Whalen, Council Member Cathleen Reffkin, and City Administrator Jasper Kruggel will present updates on discussions regarding the potential Fire Department JPA.

**Objective:** Mayor Whalen and Council Member Reffkin will lead the discussion to inform the City Council about progress and gather feedback to guide future steps.

**Context:** The Mound Fire Department currently serves Mound, Spring Park, Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista, and Shorewood, while the St. Bonifacius Fire Department serves St. Bonifacius, Minnetrista, Laketown Township, and Watertown Township via service contracts. Recent collaboration efforts between the Mound and St. Bonifacius Fire Departments provide a foundation for exploring a formalized JPA.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Staff recommends that the City Council actively participate in the discussion, review the JPA update, and provide feedback to support the representatives in advancing the potential Fire Department JPA.

**Mission Statement:**

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.