



AGENDA REPORT

New Haven, Michigan
Special Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: 05/14/24

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DATE SUBMITTED: 05/01/24

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ITEM TITLE: MOU/Resolutions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Approval to enter an agreement with Macomb County to receive support of Hazmat incidents as well as Technical Rescues that are above and beyond what NHFD can handle.

- **Just for clarification, this is a formal agreement for us to be able to receive hazmat or technical rescue support.** This agreement formalizes the relationship between the teams and the village. It sets forth the standards by which the teams will provide services and the standards by which the village will pay for them.
- **This is not us entering in as part of the HT or TRT requiring us to purchase more specialized equipment, correct?** Correct
- **Without the agreements, if we had a hazmat or TRT type incident, what happens?** Absent an agreement, the hazmat and technical rescue teams will only respond and provide incident stabilization services as it relates to life safety. With an agreement, they can provide much more robust support to the incident commander on scene. Think of it in terms of ICS - with an agreement, the hazmat/Tech Rescue team can staff the hazmat/technical rescue branch of the response. Without, they will provide life safety services only, not necessarily ongoing incident support. Rob and Doug may be able to provide better context here.

We wouldn't be able to call on HT or TRT to respond? As noted above, you could still call hazmat or tech rescue, and they would still provide life safety incident stabilization, and would bill the village for those services regardless of having an agreement. We bill a higher service fee to parties that do not have an agreement.

Cost involved? The county bills the requesting jurisdiction as the fiduciary agent for the teams. We bill for personnel (by the hour), equipment use (by the day or portion of the day), and for expendable supplies (at a pre-determined cost). I've attached those cost schedules for you. The vast majority of jurisdictions then recover the cost of using the hazmat team from the party responsible for the incident via a cost recovery ordinance. Right now, there is no ongoing cost to be signatory to the agreements; the only cost comes with billing for services rendered.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Agreements

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

EXHIBITS: PDF attached with examples