



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB24-091
September 23, 2024
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB24-091: Interlocal Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Move to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response and authorize the Mayor to sign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director	Mike Bailey	9/9/2024
	Finance	Janna Walker	9/9/2024
	Legal	David Linehan	8/26/2024
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Fire		
STAFF:	Fire Chief Mike Bailey		
COMMITTEE:	Public Safety	COMMITTEE DATE: September 16, 2024	
EXHIBITS:	1. Interlocal Agreement for Haz Mat Response		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 2,300 (est.)
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 8,418,451
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ 0

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Snoqualmie Fire Department participates in the Eastside Hazardous Materials Consortium. The Consortium is governed by an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) signed by all participating agencies. The ILA was updated and revised in 2024, and all participating members are asked to approve the new ILA in order to continue as a member of the Consortium.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Previous ILA was signed by Snoqualmie in 2004.

BACKGROUND

Since 2004 the Snoqualmie Fire Department has participated in the Eastside Hazardous Materials Consortium. This consortium is made up of Zone One Fire Departments with the purpose of pooling personnel and resources to respond to hazardous materials incidents (haz mat). Haz mat incidents are a low frequency/high risk type of call. These calls for service occur infrequently but require specialized training and equipment to mitigate. Historically Snoqualmie has had very few hazardous materials responses. Snoqualmie personnel are

trained to the haz mat operation level which prepares them to initially stabilize the incident, recognize the need for additional resources, and operate as support personnel for defensive operations and decontamination. Personnel trained at the technician level (one step above operations) are required for entering the hot zone and mitigating the problem. Snoqualmie relies on the Consortium to provide technician level response to incidents within the city. As a member of the Consortium, the Snoqualmie Fire Chief has a seat on the board and holds a vote pertaining to the operation and funding of the Consortium. Each member department pays an annual fee to the Consortium to fund equipment, training, and operating costs per the annual budget.

As a participating agency, response units with haz mat trained personnel are automatically dispatched to Snoqualmie haz mat incidents by the dispatch center (NORCOM).

ANALYSIS

Due to the low frequency of haz mat responses within the city, and the additional cost, training, and experience needed to have personnel trained to the haz mat technician level, at this time participating in the Eastside Hazardous Material Consortium makes sense for the department. The department receives the expertise and resources needed to mitigate haz mat events, but at a relatively low cost. To purchase the required equipment and to train Snoqualmie personnel to the technician level would be cost prohibitive for the department.

BUDGET IMPACTS

Administration recommends approving the Interlocal Agreement for Eastside Hazardous Materials Consortium. The cost for participating in the ILA is determined by an established formula relying on the City's assessed valuation and call volume; therefore, the amount changes from year to year. For the last four years, this amount has averaged approximately \$2,100 annually. The City budgeted \$8,418,451 for all Fire and Emergency Management activities, including an allocation for the consortium. \$6,649,001 has been spent to date, leaving a remaining appropriation of \$1,769,451. Therefore, sufficient appropriation exists within the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget (Fire & Emergency Management Department) to fund the contract.

NEXT STEPS

Approve AB24-091 Haz Mat ILA and forward to the City of Bellevue for implementation

PROPOSED ACTION

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