

Fire Department

To: Finance Committee

From: Chief Reynen

Date: 11/13/2024

Subject: DNR MOU

Background

The City of Watertown Fire Department has an MOU with the DNR dated 2019. The DNR reached out requesting to update our MOU to the most current document.

These updates can be noted in separating “prescribed burning” into its own category and increased payment for staff on prescribed burns and adding 13.C which allows to consult with the Fire Department Advisory Council for increased hourly rates of pay.

The Fire Department has also elected to allow for reimbursement on initial fire response on DNR lands. This means the fire department will be paid for the 1st hour of fire attack rather than foregoing the payment we have historically.

Budget Goal

1. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends.

Financial Impact

No additional cost to the city, this could increase reimbursement based on billable hours on DNR land fires.

Recommendation

Approve the attached MOU.

2024 Operational Goal

1. Enhance community resilience and safety through proactive education, support, and adequate Fire/EMS response.