



San Bernardino County

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND RECORD OF ACTION

January 11, 2022

FROM

DAN MUNSEY, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

SUBJECT

Non-Financial Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreement Between San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and the City of Rialto

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, approve a non-financial automatic and mutual aid agreement with the City of Rialto for mutual assistance on fire, rescue, and emergency response services from January 11, 2022 through January 11, 2027.

(Presenter: Dan Munsey, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, 387-5779)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this agreement will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). This is a non-financial agreement that defines the responsibilities of the two entities regarding mutual aid response.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) has numerous mutual aid agreements with local, state, and federal agencies to assist each other in the suppression of fires and in the provision of emergency medical services. These agreements allow one party to assist the other party by providing personnel, equipment, materials/supplies, and other services, as needed, for fire and/or emergency incidents.

SBCFPD and the City of Rialto (City) desire to enter into the recommended mutually beneficial automatic aid/mutual aid agreement for a reasonable and reciprocal exchange of fire, rescue and emergency medical services between the two agencies. Mutual Aid responses from either party shall include equipment, material and supplies such as are usually and customarily used within the sending party's jurisdiction. SBCFPD will, upon notification from its primary dispatch facility, and with approval of its Duty Officer, respond with the requested type of emergency equipment to an incident within the City's jurisdictional boundaries. The City will, upon notification from its primary dispatch facility, and with approval from its Duty Officer, respond with the requested type of emergency equipment to an incident within SBCFPD's jurisdictional boundaries.

Automatic Aid is the immediate dispatch of a fire unit within the jurisdictional boundary set forth under the terms and conditions of the agreement. Automatic Aid will be initiated by each agency's primary dispatch facility. The Automatic Aid agreement outlines response criteria to include the pre-identified emergency equipment to be used for each emergency incident. This agreement allows for the most expeditious and cost-effective response to suppress fires, as well as other emergency services, for the public served by these fire agencies.

SBCFPD and City agree to participate in a boundary drop to adhere as closely as possible to the "closest resource" concept. For the purposes of the agreement, "boundary drop" shall mean the use of the closest most appropriate fire unit regardless of jurisdiction.

SBCFPD and City will mutually benefit from this arrangement by allowing resources to cross jurisdictional boundaries and providing equipment and apparatus that are unavailable from within the jurisdiction. The service to the communities will be enhanced by decreasing response times to emergencies, allocating specialized equipment to incidents and developing partnerships and a spirit of cooperation amongst agencies. In the event of multiple calls for service within a short time frame, this agreement identifies the closest, most appropriate resource and reduces travel delays from units located at a further distance. When multiple calls for service occur, there will be a draw from the units in the area that can lead to an increase in response time for any additional calls.

Approval of this agreement will provide for the safety, health, and social service needs of County residents by enhancing the emergency response capabilities of SBCFPD and City. The term of this agreement is from January 11, 2022 through January 11, 2027, but may be terminated by either party upon 90 days' written notice.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Supervising Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 14, 2021; Finance (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on December 15, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Diana Atkeson, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on December 15, 2021.