



INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AID FIRE SERVICES WITH BELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Background

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- ❑ Mutual Aid and Interlocal Agreements supply fire department services with additional resources when an incident, or multiple incidents, deplete resources from any one entity.
- ❑ City Council item RS-18-014 is a current countywide Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement approved in 2018 allowing multiple fire departments in Bell County to request equipment responses on an as needed basis during significant incidents.
- ❑ The proposed agreement with Belton Fire Department specifically will reduce delays in dispatching due to the “automatic” aid portion that outlines the dispatching procedure for the communications agency.

Impact

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- The fiscal impact will be minimal but is not measurable.
- This expenditure is recurring and budgeted in the utilization of the 24 hour / 7 day staffed Fire and EMS units which are provided for in the annual budget.

Alternatives

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- ❑ Not enter into this agreement and continue to have each entity serve their own community individually and requiring the communications agency to act as an intermediary between Belton FD and Killeen FD prior to dispatching aid.
- ❑ Enter into this agreement providing the communications agency with a standard procedure for dispatching aid from either agency to help mitigate large scale events.

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid Fire Services Between the Killeen Fire Department and the Belton Fire Department and allow the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation to execute the agreement.