



STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: James Kubinski, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with Texas Department of State and Health Services and Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council (DSHS/CATRAC) to join the Emergency Medical Task Force

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) is comprised of eight regional teams, strategically located throughout the State of Texas. These regional teams leverage existing relationships with EMS Providers, Fire Departments, Hospitals and Health Care Organizations to provide medical personnel and essential resources available to respond within its specific region or throughout the State when needed.

State level activations will include a mechanism for reimbursement through a State Mission Assignment (SMA). Additionally, an incident that exceeds twelve (12) hours in duration will include a mechanism for reimbursement per Chapter 418 of the Texas Government code. The Emergency Medical Task Force may be activated by the State of Texas to respond outside the State, if requested by other States or through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

As part of a deployment to other regions, where devastating disasters have occurred, EMTF members save lives. Along with this important mission, there is a very important intrinsic value to Killeen's citizens. By training the Killeen Fire Department personnel in these technical skills, the citizens of Killeen have highly skilled health care professionals locally and ready to intervene in a local emergency.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Not to enter the Memorandum of Agreement with DSHS/CATRAC
2. Enter into Memorandum of Agreement with DSHS/CATRAC

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

A Memorandum of Agreement with DSHS/CATRAC increases local, state, and federal emergency response capabilities.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This Memorandum of Agreement is considered an interlocal agreement and conforms to city policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?**

Expenditures associated with state level activations and incidents exceeding twelve (12) hours will be reimbursed. The amount of expenditure and corresponding reimbursement is variable depending on the length and number of deployments this year and future years.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

Recurring and may happen at any time of year depending on the emergency activation.

Is this expenditure budgeted?

The expenditure and reimbursement will be budgeted in the fiscal year of deployment.

If not, where will the money come from?

The expenditure is reimbursed.

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement with DSHS/CATRAC and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Memorandum of Agreement