



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2000

PREPARED BY: Battalion Chief Batiste

AGENDA LOCATION: Consent *1-3

TITLE: Memorandum of Understanding; Amendment to Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Arcadia Fire Department.

OBJECTIVE: To approve an updated automatic aid agreement with the City of Arcadia Fire Department.

BACKGROUND: The City of Monrovia has developed and grown considerably over the past fourteen years. Our current automatic aid agreement has been in effect since May 4, 1987. With the increasing demands of emergency services; the recent changes in the San Gabriel valley fire agencies, (cities of El Monte and Covina contracting with Los Angeles County Fire), and the commitment of Monrovia to provide the highest level of service, the need to update and modernize our current agreement is necessary.

ANALYSIS: Within the last three years, several neighboring cities have contracted fire services with Los Angeles County Fire Department which has placed an impact on the resources available to the Monrovia Fire Department. Effective January 1, 1999, mutual aid Area "D" was disbanded and combined into Area "C". In May of last year, new Cal OSHA regulations require that a "Rapid Intervention Team" stand by on each fire incident. Updating our current automatic aid agreement will increase the amount of resources available to Monrovia Fire and place a sufficient amount of personnel on each incident.

The new agreement shares resources with the City of Arcadia Fire Department for the closest engine company to respond. Currently, the City of Arcadia Fire has designated Engine 105 to respond to Monrovia west of Myrtle Ave. If Engine 105 is not available, then another engine from the City of Arcadia will respond to Monrovia if available. The new Agreement would drop boundaries and respond the closest engine. This would required that the City of Arcadia Fire would respond the closest available engine to Monrovia anywhere in the City. In return, Monrovia Fire would respond one engine company into Arcadia any were in the city.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding; Amendment to Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Arcadia Fire Department.

2. Deny the updated Automatic Aid Agreement.

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FISCAL IMPACT: Currently, Monrovia Fire responds to Arcadia when requested.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding; Amendment to Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Arcadia Fire Department.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approve updated Memorandum of Understanding; Amendment to Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Arcadia Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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