



Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 10/5/2021

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF STUART

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Martin County and the City of Stuart (City) currently provide mutual aid response and automatic aid response for all fire suppression and emergency services within each party's jurisdictional boundaries, including any future additional land and/or parcel annexation by the City. These services are provided pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services (Interlocal Agreement). Representatives from the County and the City have been meeting to update and revise the existing Interlocal Agreement. The proposed Interlocal Agreement includes revisions to response guidelines, a fee schedule and revisions to dispatch protocols.

DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

PREPARED BY: **Name:** Jerrian Norton
Title: Executive Aide

REQUESTED BY: Chad Michael Cianciulli

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

Representatives from the County and the City have been meeting to update and revise the existing Interlocal Agreement. The proposed Interlocal Agreement includes revisions to response guidelines, a fee schedule and revisions to dispatch protocols.

- **Agreement/Contract drafted by:** Martin County Fire Rescue and the City of Stuart Fire Rescue
- **Parties to the Agreement/Contract:** Martin County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Stuart
- **Purpose of the Agreement/Contract:** This interlocal agreement was mutually revised by both parties to update the response and compensatory criteria for the purpose of providing automatic and mutual aid to each other in the form of fire suppression and EMS. This agreement will be

reviewed for approval by the City of Stuart at their Board meeting being held September 27, 2021.

- **New/Renewal/Modified**: This is a modification to an existing agreement.
- **Duration**: Perpetuity unless cancelled by either party with 90 days prior written notice.
- **Benefits to Martin County**: The City and the County each provide fire suppression and EMS within their respective jurisdictional boundaries and both parties recognize the fiscal and health/safety value of providing mutual and automatic aid in a cooperative manner to ensure that the safety of the public is paramount.
- **Cost to Martin County**: Staff time to reconcile emergency call data for the purpose of invoicing the City for any rendered automatic and mutual aid as outlined in the fee schedule.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

This item has been reviewed for legal sufficiency to determine whether it is consistent with applicable law, has identified and addressed legal risks, and has developed strategies for legal defensibility.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board authorize the Chair or designee to execute the interlocal agreement as well as any non-monetary agreement related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

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- **Programmatic Implication if not approved** - The absence of an interlocal agreement for the provision of automatic aid would result in significant delays in emergency response for both jurisdictions.
- **Financial Fiscal Impact if not approved** - Additional assets and staff could be needed to handle fluctuations in call volume.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

Fiscal impact is contingent upon distribution of call volume along jurisdictional boundaries.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment ☐ Chair Letter ☒ Contract / Agreement
☐ Grant / Application ☐ Notice ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
☐ Other:

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