

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response between undersigned cities and fire districts of the State of Washington.

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Bellevue Fire Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution will authorize an Interlocal Agreement between the fire departments of the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, and Eastside Fire & Rescue and its contract jurisdictions, to establish and operate as a unified consortium for training and responding to Hazardous Materials incidents, all to promote efficiency, consistency and potential cost reductions.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10410

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This agreement allows the Bellevue Fire Department to establish a unified model to train and respond to hazardous materials incidents, with member agencies when hazardous material (HM) incidents exceed the resources of a single participating agency. Participating agencies benefit by combining their resources to train for and respond to HM incidents in any participating agency's jurisdiction.

The hazardous materials response industry has developed a robust set of standards for the training and certification of personnel, recognized among all fire agencies nationwide. These agreements help set the standards for the training and certification of various subject matter experts. This ILA lays out the process required for our hazardous materials specialists to meet those national standards within agreed upon area resources and processes.

The city previously signed a similar agreement in 2004 that allowed the Fire Department to utilize the standards outlined in the previous ILA to develop, train, and certify various personnel for the unique specialties and certifications required for working within a hazardous materials incident. The previous agreement is outdated. The new ILA renews this past practice, updates the administrative fee structure to reflect a CPI adjustment, and includes additional members to the consortium.

The following fire departments across King County are adopting the same ILA to regional hazardous materials response: Bellevue Fire, Kirkland Fire, Redmond Fire, Eastside Fire & Rescue and its contract jurisdictions – Mercer Island Fire, Woodinville Fire, Shoreline Fire, Bothell Fire, Duvall Fire (KC Fire District 27). The participating agencies create an Executive Board to administer the HM Agreement. The Board is comprised of the Fire Chiefs of all participating agencies. Bellevue Fire Department serves as the Administering Agency. The Administering Agency develops the budget for adoption and serves as fiscal agent. This agreement would remain in effect until terminated by a

majority vote of the Board or upon timely written notice by a participating agency. The designated jurisdictions have worked together in this capacity for the past 30 years.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The execution of this interlocal agreement lies within the Fire Department's current policies and practices. No new policies are needed for this action.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impacts associated with execution of this interlocal agreement. The current staff, along with the existing infrastructure required for tracking other types of Fire Department training and certifications already exist and are in place daily. The costs associated with training firefighters remain the same.

OPTIONS

1. Approve Resolution authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response between undersigned cities and fire districts of the State of Washington.
2. Do not approve Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10410

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed Interlocal Agreement for Hazardous Materials Response.
Copy of the previous EHMT 2004 ILA.