

August 3, 2015

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Resolution No. 8957 authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which provides the option for the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Pursuant to the Agreement, authorized resources including employees and equipment of the City could be deployed to provide EMAC or PNEMA assistance. The City would be reimbursed for authorized costs incurred as a result of authorized resource deployment as provided in the Agreement.

### **STAFF CONTACTS**

Mark Risen, Fire Chief	452-6895
Jason Esper, Acting Emergency Manager	452-2816
<i>Fire Department/Office of Emergency Management</i>	

### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

Should the City of Bellevue enter into an agreement with Washington State for City resources to be able to be deployed to support intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid requests?

### **BACKGROUND**

EMAC is a nationally adopted state-to-state mutual aid compact that legally establishes a national system to facilitate the sharing of resources across state lines when the governor of the impacted state has declared an emergency, and is the primary resource provider when federal support is not warranted. The PNEMA mirrors this mission with the facilitation of the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member jurisdictions within the state of Washington. The City entered into a previous and now expired EMAC intergovernmental agreement in 2005 specifically to support recovery efforts to Hurricane Katrina's devastating impact on the Gulf Coast.

Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA EMD) coordinates interstate mutual aid according to the model presented in the National Strategy for Homeland Security. EMAC, Chapter 38.10 RCW, and Public Law 104-321, authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the EMAC participants, who are currently all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. PNEMA and Public Law 105-381 authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the PNEMA

participants, who are currently the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, the Canadian Province of British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory.

The Agreement provides for the use of authorized resources including employees and equipment of the City of Bellevue in responding to requests for EMAC or PNEMA assistance from a participating party in which EMD has identified authorized resources of the City that are qualified and immediately available to deploy and perform the requested EMAC or PNEMA assistance for a requesting participating party.

In addition to supporting a responsive and straightforward mutual aid system for sharing resources, the EMAC/PNEMA agreement provides participating agencies:

- Immunity and tort protection
- Workers Compensation
- Professional license reciprocity

The Agreement is not an authorization to deploy. EMAC and PNEMA deployment of the City's resources under the agreement would only be authorized as mutually executed by the parties. Once signed, the agreement would be valid through March 31, 2018.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately.

#### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which allows the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

#### **MOTION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8957 authorizing execution of a Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which allows the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No. 8957

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Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program)  
and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement)