

May 16, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 9101 authorizing execution of the South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group (SPSFCG) Interlocal Agreement, which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform to establish a coordinated interagency fire training, qualification and certification program in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) South Puget Sound Region, as well as establish procedures for mutual and interagency recognition of training, experience and certification of wildfire firefighting personnel in compliance with standards and components of the *National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification PMS 310-1 System Guide*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The SPSFCG Interlocal Agreement provides the City an opportunity to participate in interagency planning efforts relating to training standards for personnel responding to wildfires. Participation is voluntary and no costs will be incurred by the City for assisting in this regional effort.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Should the City of Bellevue enter into an agreement with South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group in order to facilitate the timely review and certification of the qualified wildfire incident personnel employed by the City?

BACKGROUND

The South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group (SPSFCG) is an administrative sub-entity of the South Puget Sound Region Fire Defense Board with the following purpose and objectives:

- 1) Establish a coordinated interagency fire training, qualification and certification program in the DNR South Puget Sound Region.
- 2) Establish procedures for mutual and interagency recognition of training, experience and certification of wildfire firefighting personnel in compliance with standards and components of *NWCG Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification PMS 310-1 System Guide*.
- 3) Cooperate with the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group and its working teams in providing and facilitating wildfire personnel training and certification.
- 4) Provide timely review and certification of qualified wildfire incident personnel.

The DNR maintains agreements with numerous jurisdictions throughout the State of Washington, including the City of Bellevue, addressing the deployment of certified wildfire incident personnel; in recent years these deployments have increased significantly paralleling the increasing size and scope of the State's wildfire seasons. The continuing certification of wildfire incident personnel is accomplished according to strict, defined criteria; in recent years DNR staff have struggled to process the volume of training records that result from this certification process in a timely manner. Execution of this agreement would authorize Bellevue as a participating agency to have access supervised by the SPSFCG to the *Incident Qualification System (IQS)* software used to enter training records and maintain Bellevue personnel certifications in full compliance with or exceeding the *NWCG Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification PMS 310-1 System Guide*.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of the South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group (SPSFCG) Interlocal Agreement which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform to establish a coordinated interagency fire training, qualification and certification program.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9101 authorizing execution of the South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group (SPSFCG) Interlocal Agreement which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform to establish a coordinated interagency fire training, qualification and certification program.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9101

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

The South Puget Sound Fire Coordinating Group Agreement