

July 5, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement between the City of Bellevue Fire Department and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region (DNR) to provide Bellevue Fire Department employees and equipment for wildfire or other emergency response and to allow DNR to reimburse the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting this Resolution will authorize reimbursement for all costs associated the provision of Fire Department employees and equipment for wildfire or emergency response. There are no matching fund requirements for this agreement.

From the time of mobilization of the personnel and equipment until the personnel are demobilized by DNR, the City will be fully compensated for the response of personnel in accordance with the current employee pay schedules. Equipment rates are determined by the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office and are listed in the Interagency Wage and Equipment Rates for Washington State Fire Services.

STAFF CONTACTS

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<i>Fire Department</i>	

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Should the City of Bellevue enter into an agreement with DNR to provide assistance at wildfire and other emergency responses?

BACKGROUND

DNR is responsible for preventing and fighting wildfires on 13 million acres of private, state and tribal-owned forestlands. They operate the state's largest on-call fire department, with more than 1,200 employees trained and available to be dispatched to fires as needed. During fire season, this includes more than 800 permanent DNR employees and about 400 seasonal employees hired for firefighting duties. Additionally, DNR also participates in Washington's coordinated interagency approach to firefighting and when needed calls upon fire departments across the state to provide additional fire-fighting resources.

This agreement also provides an opportunity for Bellevue Fire personnel to develop skills from events that rarely occur in our community. The agreement must be in place for Bellevue to provide assistance to DNR managed wildfires and other emergency responses.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement between the City of Bellevue Fire Department and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9115 authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement between the City of Bellevue Fire Department and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region (DNR) to provide Bellevue Fire Department employees and equipment for wildfire or other emergency response and to allow DNR to reimburse the City.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9115

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Interagency Agreement between the City of Bellevue Fire Department and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, South Puget Sound Region.