

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21924	Agenda Number	9.
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Meeting Date:	2/28/2013	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County Emergency Service Districts to provide services and to perform functions that are mutually beneficial to the fire service agencies and the residents of their respective jurisdictions. The initial term is one year and the parties may renew for up to nine additional one-year terms on mutual consent.

Amount and Source of Funding

No funding is required

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	04/17/2006 Mutual Aid Agreement with Travis County 06/2006 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD # 10, Ce-Bar Volunteer Fire Dept. 11/27/2007 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD # 3, Oak Hill Fire Dept. 11/15/2008 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD # 6, Lake Travis Fire Rescue 08/2009 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD # 2, Pflugerville Fire Dept. 10/01/2011 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD # 11, Travis County Fire Rescue 08/08/2012 Automatic Aid Agreement with ESD #9, Westlake Fire Dept.
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Additional Backup Information

“Automatic Aid” is an agreement between jurisdictions to automatically dispatch the nearest available unit(s) to mitigate an emergency situation. These Agreements are based on the fire departments’ collective desire to:

1. reduce response times to emerging incidents (structure fires and medical emergencies);
2. standardize procedures used by firefighters from different agencies working together; and
3. increase the interoperability of equipment used by partner agencies.

Since May 2012, AFD Chiefs have been meeting with Fire Chiefs from the ESDs that already have individual Automatic Aid Agreements with the City of Austin to formulate operational guidelines with a single, detailed definition of Automatic Aid. The operational guidelines can also be used by Mutual Aid ESDs seeking inclusion in Automatic Aid. The Fire Chiefs believe that continuation and expansion of Automatic Aid significantly improves the delivery of services to City and County residents, especially those living in neighborhoods along jurisdictional boundaries.