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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31909	Agenda Number	7.
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Meeting Date:	5/1/2014	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas A & M Forest Service to establish a National Wildfire Coordinating Group wildland firefighter standard.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This Interlocal Agreement in the form of a memorandum of understanding is entered into with the intent of establishing the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Training and Qualification Standards contained in the current or latest version of PMS 310-1 as the wildland qualification standard for the Austin Fire Department ("Cooperator"). The fire potential and the amount of the property within the area protected by the cooperator fosters the need to have local fire agency personnel qualified to a higher wildland fire standard to assure that adequate well trained and physically prepared fire personnel can be deployed to meet a local and state wildfire response need. This Agreement could represent both a cost saving and public safety measure for the people of Texas and the citizens of Austin in particular. Benefits include increasing the number of wildland fire personnel in the state, increasing the capability of the cooperator to more effectively deal with wildfire response, and reduce loss of life and property at the local level. This Agreement could further enhance the State's ability to assist other state and Federal agencies on wildfires and all risk incidents by increasing the number of NWCG fully qualified wildfire personnel to assist outside the state on incidents of National and Regional significance.