



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 7, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Harry Beck, Fire Chief  
Jim Bloomer, Assistant Fire Chief  
**Subject:** Town of Superior Fire Department Maintenance Agreement  
"Citywide"

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department respectfully requests the City Council approve the vehicle/apparatus maintenance agreement between City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department and the Town of Superior Fire Department.

## Background

Superior Fire Department units were not serviced and maintained as per NFPA standards. No testing, as per NFPA, was performed on these units, and service records were not maintained. Mesa Fire and Medical Department can assist Superior Fire Department in all these areas if a maintenance agreement is approved.

## Discussion

Under the terms of the proposed agreement the Mesa Fire and Medical Maintenance Division would provide Superior Fire Department full maintenance and repair services on a 24/7 basis. These services would be provided by EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technicians) certified maintenance personnel, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1071, Standard for Emergency Vehicle Technician Professional Qualifications; NFPA 1915, Standard for Fire Apparatus Preventative Maintenance Program; NFPA 1901, Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus; and NFPA 1911, Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Automotive Fire Apparatus.

Superior currently has six fire vehicles that average 1,000 to 3,000 miles every 6 months. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, their apparatus would be serviced every 6 months or 6,000 miles. This would have very little impact on our current operations.

Currently, our fleet downtime average for large apparatus is six percent—well within our target. Typical performance targets, per the Best Fleet Management Practices and Performance Measures manual, are from six to ten percent for large apparatus.

Per the draft agreement, Superior would be charged as follows:

- \$68.71 per hour for work performed during regular work hours.
- \$73.69 per hour for work performed after hours and/or on holidays.

**Note:** The above rates are the same as those currently assessed for Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Rio Verde Fire District, and Fort McDowell Fire Department maintenance services, per existing intergovernmental agreements. These rates can be adjusted annually.

Superior will pay for all parts and materials utilized in the repair and maintenance of their fire apparatus at cost plus a ten percent handling fee. If outside assistance from other vendors is required, Superior would reimburse us at cost plus 10% handling fee.

Section 3 of the proposed agreement states, “Superior Fire Department hereby agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Mesa, its departments, agencies, officers, employees, elected officials or agents from and against all actions, lawsuits, losses and expenses.”

### **Alternatives**

The only alternative would be to not enter into the proposed agreement. Superior Fire Department would then need to seek maintenance services from a private vendor. The average hourly rate for these types of services (performed at an EVT certified center) is \$100 per hour. Work performed after hours could be as high as \$150 per hour.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The cost associated with maintaining Superior Fire Department apparatus would be fully recovered.

### **Coordinated With**

Superior Fire Department supports this partnership with the City of Mesa.