



City Council Report

Date: May 7, 2018
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
James Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief Emergency Management
Subject: Emergency Management IGA with Maricopa County
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management (MCDEM) resulting in the continuation of an agreement to provide emergency planning assistance to municipalities.

Background

For over 25 years the cities and towns in Maricopa County have entered into agreements with Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management (MCDEM) to provide emergency planning assistance and other services for municipalities. Titles 26-308 (A) and (B) of the Arizona Revised Statutes requires that each political subdivision provide for emergency management within their jurisdiction. These agreements, signed by all the jurisdictions help accomplish that mandate, but at a shared cost.

The current agreement between the City of Mesa and MCDEM expires June 30, 2018.

Discussion

The City of Mesa has a very proactive and progressive emergency management program, but we rely on regional partnerships to support us and integrate our efforts into theirs. MCDEM has been a good partner with the City over the term of the past IGA. Entering into another IGA will ensure that we continue to meet the needs of not only the City of Mesa, but also ensure that there is an effective regional response valley wide. Managing large incidents can be difficult for any single jurisdiction. Mesa Fire & Medical partners with other communities and agencies in the emergency planning process, as well as in emergency response.

The IGA provides for the following services:

- Assisting in the development and maintenance of the city's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), ensuring it meets all State and Federal regulations, and integrates seamlessly with Maricopa County's EOP.

- Provides access to a software as a service planning system for Emergency Operations and Continuity of Operations planning, and provides ongoing assistance and training in developing these plans.
- Access to a web-based Disaster Information Management System (WebEOC) used by the City of Mesa Emergency Operations Center to document and share incident information.
- Coordinating development of the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Coordinating development of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the region.
- Planning support from MCDEM staff for exercise design, coordination, evaluation and facilitation.
- Availability of a 24-hour duty officer for immediate assistance as needed to provide emergency notifications in a timely manner.
- Assistance with conducting damage assessments and applying for Public Assistance funding after a disaster.
- Provided access to training seminars, exercises and materials.
- Ongoing liaison with MCDEM staff providing current information related to all phases of emergency management.
- Provides emergency coordination assistance for major events or disasters affecting the City of Mesa.

Alternatives

Without this funding from the towns and cities in Maricopa County, MCDEM would not be able to provide needed support to the County municipalities. A very large portion of the MCDEM budget is derived from this funding source. If this partnership is not funded, The City of Mesa will not receive assistance needed to plan and prepare our community for a disaster.

Fiscal Impact

For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department will pay \$24,461.28 to MCDEM for these services. The fee varies each year based on the population-based formula used.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Emergency Manager, James Johnson concurs with the recommendation to approve this agreement.