



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Fire Service Training Academy IGA

Purpose and Recommendation

This Intergovernmental Agreement is between the City of Mesa and various Government Entities. The purpose of this Agreement is to allow Mesa to provide Fire Service Training in multiple areas to the fire personnel of the Government Entities to benefit the public, the Government Entities community and its personnel.

Background

Mesa has operated a regional training academy model for several years to train not only Mesa's fire personnel but the fire personnel of other local communities. As we continue to grow, we want to take the opportunity to expand opportunities for fire personnel from other Government Entities to have the opportunity to train with Mesa.

Discussion

To clearly outline the relationship, monetary exchange, and responsibilities among the fire departments involved in the Regional Academy. The agreement will:

- Define the nature of the partnership between the participating fire departments, emphasizing their shared commitment to providing comprehensive fire service training through the Regional Academy.
- Establish a transparent and equitable system for sharing the financial burden of operating the Regional Academy.
- Clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of each participating fire department in the operation and management of the Regional Academy.

Alternatives

The risks for not defining the nature of the partnership between the participating fire departments are:

- Lack of coordination and cooperation: Without a clear definition of the partnership, the fire departments may not be able to coordinate and cooperate effectively in the operation of the Regional Academy. This could lead to duplication of effort, waste of resources, and delays in providing training to firefighters.

- Inequitable distribution of costs and benefits: Without a transparent and equitable system for sharing the financial burden of operating the Regional Academy, some fire departments may be subsidizing others. This could lead to resentment and conflict between the fire departments.
- Lack of accountability: Without clearly defined roles and responsibilities, it may be difficult to hold the fire departments accountable for the success of the Regional Academy. This could lead to problems with the quality of training and the management of the academy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fees entities pay to the City of Mesa will offset some of the financial obligation to run a fire academy. The entities providing instructors will also offset some of the costs of bringing in City of Mesa Instructors.

COORDINATED WITH

This agreement has been drafted and reviewed in consultation with the City Attorney's Office.