



City Council Report

Date: December 4, 2023
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
Forrest Smith, Assistant Fire Chief
Subject: City of Mesa IGA with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Purpose and Recommendation

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for fire dispatch services provided by the City of Mesa adds Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation as a dispatch partner. It is requested that the new IGA be approved to allow the City of Mesa to provide uninterrupted fire dispatch services to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Background

The City of Mesa provides fire dispatch services through an IGA to the Superstition Fire and Medical Department, American Medical Response (AMR), the Town of Gilbert, the Town of Queen Creek, the Fountain Hills Fire Department and the Rio Verde Fire District. This partner relationship supports emergency response efficiency and controls operational costs through the centralization of services.

Discussion

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is already part of the Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC). The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire Department currently receives dispatching services through Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Police Department. In November of 2023, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council approved an IGA between the City of Mesa and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Alternatives

The Council could choose not to enter into the agreement with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. This action would leave the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation with the option of remaining with Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Police Department or applying for fire dispatch services through the City of Phoenix.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Mesa. Dispatch, mobile computer terminal (MCT), and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) modernizations fees collected from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation will provide full cost recovery for the services provided.

Coordinated With

The Fire and Medical Department coordinated with the City Attorney and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.