



City Council Report

Date: March 17, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
Jason Nickelson, Fire Maintenance Administrator
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Mesa and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire for Fire Apparatus Preventive Maintenance and Repairs
(Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to re-establish the Intergovernmental Agreement for Apparatus Vehicle Maintenance between the Mesa Fire and Medical Department and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation approved the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorized its President to sign it on February 2, 2026.

Background

Mesa Fire Maintenance Division has been providing maintenance services to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire for five (5) plus years. These services include the following:

- Routine maintenance
- Apparatus rescue and firefighting vehicle repairs
- Testing and documentation of all systems as per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1901 (Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus)
- Cost per year for each Unit maintained reports
- 24/7 on call mechanic

All maintenance services provided are performed by factory trained, Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) certified technicians as per NFPA 1901.

Discussion

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Mesa Fire Maintenance Division would continue to provide Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire full maintenance and repair services on a 24/7 basis. These services will be provided by factory trained, EVT certified maintenance personnel, in accordance with NFPA standards.

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire currently has a variety of Apparatus. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, their apparatus would be serviced every six (6) months or 6,000 miles and have minimal impact on current operations.

Alternatives

The only alternative would be to not re-establish the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire would then need to seek maintenance services from private vendors. This would be a difficult task to accomplish due to the fact there are few, if any, qualified Emergency Vehicle Technicians in this area and zero local support after hours.

Fiscal Impact

The cost associated with maintaining the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire vehicles would be fully recovered.

Per our draft agreement, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire would be charged as follows:

- \$107.75 per hour for work performed during regular work hours
- \$122.17 per hour for work performed after hours and/or holidays

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire 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, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fire will reimburse the City of Mesa at cost plus a ten percent handling fee.

Coordinated With

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and its fire department are in agreement.