



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 21, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Mary Cameli, Fire Chief  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement, Fire Service Automatic Aid  
"Citywide"

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this report is to request council approval for the City Manager to enter an intergovernmental agreement to continue participating in the Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid System.

## **Background**

Phoenix and Glendale Fire Departments started the automatic aid system forty-five years ago. The Mesa Fire and Medical Department has been in the automatic aid system for over 25 years. The system allows the closest unit to be dispatched to any emergency in the valley. This allows emergency response to get on scene in the quickest manner possible.

## **Discussion**

The automatic aid agreement has been updated to include terms/conditions to meet current Arizona Revised Statutes, increase the contract term from 5 to 10 years, and add Rio Verde Fire District into the automatic aid system. In addition, the agreement addresses the best ways to resolve operational discrepancies and to assure that all units within the automatic aid system provide the same quality of service, regardless of which city the emergency occurs, including staffing levels and training requirements.

## **Alternatives**

To withdraw from the automatic aid system. Mesa would respond only within the Mesa city limits and would receive no assistance from outside agencies.

## **Fiscal Impact**

None

## **Coordinated With**

The current agreement was reviewed by staff from the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, the City of Mesa Attorney's office, and other participants in the Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid System.