



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 16, 2020

**To:** City Council

**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager, or  
John Pombier, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Mary Cameli, Fire Chief  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Mesa and the  
City of Scottsdale and their respective Fire Departments for Fire  
Training Services.  
(Citywide)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Scottsdale for the training of firefighter recruits, Special Teams, Ladder companies and Command Officers.

## Background

The City of Scottsdale works within the Automatic Aide Agreement and utilizes Regional Training Facilities for the training of firefighter recruits, Special Teams, Ladder companies and Command Officers. This allows for consistency, pooling of training resources and sharing of expenditures.

The pooling of resources for Technical Rescue (TRT), Command, and Ladder training allows Mesa to operate with multiple training sites. This also allows various instructors and equipment to be used from other agencies. The pooling of training resources allows multiple trainings to be conducted simultaneously. One example of this is Mesa is currently hosting Recruit Academy 20-1 and Scottsdale is hosting Quarterly Ladder Company workshop. It provides for alternative training sites and instructors. This would simply not occur without the ability to use each other's training sites.

## Discussion

The Automatic Aide system currently has four regional recruit training locations (Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, and Chandler). This agreement will allow Scottsdale to send recruits to the Mesa Academy. Scottsdale expects high turnover within the next five years and this agreement will give Scottsdale additional options for training sites.

Mesa and Scottsdale also both have specialty teams such as TRT. These teams often train together and share instructors as well as use each other's facilities for training. This

provides for consistent team development and allows teams to work together seamlessly.

### **Alternatives**

Entering into this agreement allows Mesa to pool resources with Scottsdale for the training of new members and allows special teams the opportunity to train together and develop an understanding of their partners' equipment and capabilities. All the training enhances the capability of Mesa as well as the region.

An additional alternative is to not enter into this agreement which would limit Mesa's ability to share training resources with the City of Scottsdale.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Scottsdale will pay Mesa \$4,500 per recruit trained in a Mesa Academy and provide members to aid in the training. This amount may be adjusted at the discretion of the Mesa Fire Chief based on Scottsdale's contribution to the academy training through the provision of non-monetary resources such as facilities and personnel, recruit training officers.

Additionally, this agreement allows the City of Mesa and the City of Scottsdale to agree upon reasonable fees to be paid for non-academy training based on the nature and duration of the training; additional expenses associated with non-host participation in the training, non-monetary contributions by the non-host participant in facilities, personnel, or equipment; and the experience, value, and goodwill inherent in the agencies cooperative training.

### **Coordinated With**

The current proposal was reviewed by staff from Mesa Fire and Medical Department, City Attorney's Office, and the City of Scottsdale.