



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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January 11, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Automatic Aid Agreement With the Orange County Fire Authority to Provide for Exchange of Fire Protection, Specialized Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In an effort to improve service and provide a higher level of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, an exchange of emergency resources is proposed between the Orange County Fire Authority (Authority) and the City of Long Beach (City). Through an Automatic Aid Agreement (Agreement), fire department resources from either agency will respond and take life protection and mitigation actions, in certain circumstances, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Fire companies and Battalion Chiefs from both agencies will respond to emergencies when requested, ensuring the quickest and most appropriate response. The specific details of the services to be provided under the Agreement and the general operational policies shall be jointly determined by the Fire Chief for the Authority and the Fire Chief for the City in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

It is recommended that the Agreement remain in effect until cancelled. Written notice of termination by either party may be made after giving no less than sixty (60) days notice.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on December 28, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on January 3, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATION

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Automatic Aid services are provided within currently budgeted resources. There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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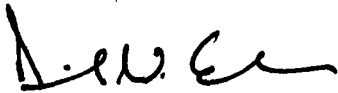
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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

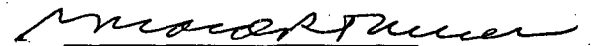
Authorize the City Manager to execute an Automatic Aid Agreement and authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding implementing the Agreement and any amendments thereto or restatements thereof with the Orange County Fire Authority to provide for the exchange of fire protection, specialized rescue, and emergency medical services and to allow said Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding to remain in effect until cancelled. Written notice of termination may be made after giving no less than sixty (60) days notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

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