



Item Number: 9

**City Council / Board of Directors**

**Written Communications**

**Meeting of: June 20, 2023**

**Submitted By:**

David Foster, Fire Chief

**Subject:**

Request to Approve Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement with Apple Valley Fire Protection District

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council approve the Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement between the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and the City of Victorville and authorize execution of the Agreement by the City Manager.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

This item aligns with Goal B in the Strategic Plan, "Public Safety; Implement public safety strategies to support a thriving and growing community".

**Background:**

The City Council approved an agreement for Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District during its December 18, 2018 City Council meeting. Said agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2023. Due to the geographic location of the City of Victorville and Apple Valley, automatic and mutual aid agreements benefit both Departments and therefore their communities.

**Discussion:**

Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements are commonly used by Fire Departments across the United States to support the departments in providing emergency services to the community and increasing firefighter safety. Effective use of Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements assist in preventing life and property losses, and provide mutual benefits to both agencies and their respective constituencies. Both types of agreements provide the

guidelines for reciprocal supplemental assistance when fires or other local Fire Department related emergencies occur.

Automatic Aid is provided during the dispatch process based on the closest appropriate unit or call type. Mutual Aid is provided upon request of the stricken department by units on the scene of the incident. Mutual Aid requests may be declined if the sending agency's department resources are unavailable.

*Proposed Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement with Apple Valley Fire Protection District:*

The proposed renewal of the Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement (Attachment A) utilizes a "Boundary Drop/Closest Unit Concept". This established the structure to provide Automatic Aid in areas contiguous to each jurisdiction's boundaries based on available resources. No limitations on providing automatic aid based on incident type are present. Types of resources include Type 1 & Type 3 Engines, Water Tenders, Ladder Trucks, Squads, Rescue Units, Command Overhead, and other resources as deemed appropriate.

The term of this proposed Agreement is for five (5) years through June 30, 2028.

City Staff respectfully requests that the City Council take action to approve the attached Agreement and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Agreement. Once executed by the City of Victorville, the Agreement will be submitted to the Apple Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief and Agency governing board for approval.

Staff is available to answer any questions the City Council may have.

**Attachments:**    A. Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreement