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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT FOR ONE (1) FIRE ENGINE FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES FOR A TEN-YEAR TERM**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the Agreement for Temporary Assignment of Vehicular Equipment for one (1) fire engine from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to the City of Riverside Fire Department (RFD) for fire protection and rescue capabilities for a 10-year term.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Temporary Assignment of Vehicular Equipment for one (1) fire engine from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to the City of Riverside Fire Department (RFD) for fire protection and rescue capabilities for a ten-year term; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement for Temporary Assignment of Vehicular Equipment and any other documents necessary to establish the Agreement and make non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has responsibility for administering the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan. This plan, in which Riverside Fire Department (RFD) participates, provides for emergency resources to be shared throughout the state during major emergencies which exceed the capability of a local jurisdiction to mitigate on their own. This includes emergencies such as major earthquakes, wildfires, and floods. As part of the state-wide mutual aid system, Cal OES has purchased fire engines and equipment for the purpose of responding to incidents in furtherance of the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan.

These engines are assigned, through an agreement, to fire departments throughout the state to be staged for Cal OES purposes and for use by local jurisdictions. Regionally, Cal OES has assigned fire engines to the following fire departments: Murrieta, Hemet, Cathedral City and Rancho Cucamonga. Having a Cal OES fire engine also assigned to RFD would be a benefit to the community, region and state.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The proposed Cal OES apparatus is a 2008 HME Type 1 fire engine valued at \$340,000 including equipment. If approved, the engine can be utilized for deployment locally, regionally and in statewide mutual aid responses. This is a great benefit as the proposed agreement provides RFD with the ability to respond to incidents regionally or statewide without deploying dedicated City fire engines that may be needed for local emergencies. In addition, it allows RFD to use the Cal OES engine locally if needed in the event of an emergency.

By approving this agreement, RFD accepts the responsibility for maintenance costs to the engine under \$100.00. Any repairs over \$100.00, is the responsibility of the State.

Staff is recommending that City Council approve the Agreement for Temporary Assignment of Vehicular Equipment for one (1) fire engine from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to the City of Riverside Fire Department (RFD) for fire protection and rescue capabilities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City of Riverside Fire Department will be responsible for any maintenance costs of the vehicle which are under \$100 per each individual item during the term of the agreement. Sufficient funding is budgeted in account 3510000 – 424220 for equipment maintenance and repairs.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer  
Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager  
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments: Agreement for Temporary Assignment of Vehicular Equipment