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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: September 26, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager **Approved Electronically**

FROM: David Cochran, Fire Chief

DEPT: Reno Fire Department

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding for Auto Aid Between TMFPD and RFD

This memorandum serves to inform about the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Reno Fire Department (RFD) and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), which aims to enhance our auto aid services. The MOU formalizes our mutual commitment to provide assistance during all-hazard emergencies which leads to improving response times and resource allocation within each jurisdiction for community safety. This agreement supports the RFD's mission to ensure the right resources are deployed to the right calls at the right time.

Key elements of the agreement include expanding auto aid coverage for all call types to high-risk areas (as defined in the attached MOU), sharing resources and personnel at emergency scenes based on real-time demands, and establishing standardized response protocols to improve communication during joint operations. This collaboration not only strengthens our operational capabilities but also reinforces our dedication to safeguarding the communities we serve.

The MOU will take effect upon execution by both parties and will be reviewed 90 days after implementation to assess its effectiveness.

Attachment:

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding Between the Reno Fire Department and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RENO FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE AUTOMATIC AND MUTUAL AID FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES WITHIN DESIGNATED DISTRICT**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by City of Reno Fire Department ("RFD"), a municipal corporation on behalf of the City of Reno and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District ("TMFPD"), a fire district organized pursuant to NRS 474.460 and political subdivision of the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS; RFD and TMFPD are political subdivisions of the State of Nevada and each maintains and operates fire/rescue agencies within their respective jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the services of RFD and TMFPD in providing fire and rescue services in automatic and mutual aid situations is in the best interests of the public and citizens of each jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the agencies to this agreement desire to enter into this MOU pursuant to NRS 277.045 to provide for the circumstances and procedures under which each agency with provide automatic and mutual aid in responding to fire and other emergencies with requested by a party to this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above recitals with are incorporated by this reference, the agencies mutually agree to provide fire suppression, medical, rescue equipment, facilities, and personnel for all calls to each other under the following:

I. AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT

A. RFD Auto Aid Coverage:

1. Districts 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19

B. TMFPD Auto Aid Coverage:

1. Districts 33, 36, 37, 40, 42, 44

II. RUN CARD DETAILS FOR TMFPD RESPONSE TO RFD

A. The TMFPD will respond to RFD calls with the following run card designations:

1. **District 6:** AR630, 603, 603W, AR603, A603W.
2. **District 9:** 901, 901HR, 901W, 902HR, 903HR, 904HR, 932, AR930, A930W, A903H, AR931, A931H, 9091 (AFD).
3. **District 10:** 1001W, 1002W, 1002HR, 1004, 1004HR, 1005HR, 1005W, 1030.
4. **District 11:** AR1103, A1103H.

5. **District 12:** 1201, 1201W, 1201HR, 1203HR, 1203W, 1204W, 1204HR, 1232, AI231H, AR1230, AR1231, AR1232, AR1233.
6. **District 19:** 1901W, AR1930, AR1931.

III. RUN CARD DETAILS FOR RFD RESPONSE TO TMFPD CALLS

- A. The RFD will provide automatic response to the following TMFPD districts and their associated run cards:
 1. **District 33:** TM3302 to be renamed AT3302, and existing FRD's AT3305, and AT3306.
 2. **District 36:** TM3601 to be renamed AT3601.
 3. **District 37:** TM3701 to be renamed AT3701, and existing FRD's AT3705 and AT3711
 4. **District 40:** TM4001, TM4002, TM4007 to be renamed as AT4001, AT4002, AT4007 respectively, and existing FRD's AT4008, AT4009, AT4010, AT4011.
 5. **District 42:** TM4201 to be renamed AT4201.
 6. **District 44:** TM4401, TM4402 to be renamed as AT4401, AT4402 respectively, and existing FRD's AT4406, AT4407, AT4408, AT4409, AT4411.

IV. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

- A. Both parties agree to notify each other of any updates or changes to run card areas or operational maps, as these will affect mapping and dispatching.

V. 90 DAY REVIEW AND CHECK-IN

- A. Both parties will conduct a 90-day review from the signing of this MOU. This review will assess the effectiveness of the auto-aid arrangements, dispatching systems, and any new or relabeled areas. The goal of the review is to identify any issues, areas for improvement, or the need for additional modifications to the operational agreements.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- A. Each provision of this MOU is subject to the applicable laws and rules that govern each party.
- B. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to require any party to obligate or transfer any funds or limit a party's ability to seek, obtain and spend funds within its statutory and regulatory authority.

- C. In carrying out the objectives of this MOU, unless otherwise agreed, each party shall oversee its own activities and utilize its own financial and other resources. Each party shall carry out its separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to the extent practicable.
- D. This MOU is intended only to set forth the cooperation among the parties. It is not intended to, and does not create, any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by a third party against any of the parties, their agencies, their officers, or any person.
- E. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each party (Indemnifying Party) shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party (Indemnified Party) and related parties and its officers, employees and agents from any liabilities, damages, losses, claims, actions or proceedings, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, that are caused by the negligence, errors, omissions, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the Indemnifying Party or the employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party in the performance of this Agreement.
- F. This MOU shall become effective upon the signature of both parties and shall be effective among the participating parties.
- G. This MOU may be modified or amended only by written, mutual agreement of the Parties. Amendments shall become effective only following written approval of the Parties.

VII. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:

The parties represent that the individuals listed on the signatory pages are authorized to execute this MOU and to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the dates written below:

CITY OF RENO

David Cochran, Fire Chief
City of Reno Fire Department

Date

TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[City of Reno Attorney]

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Michael W. Large
Washoe County Deputy District Attorney

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