



CITY OF SALEM

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Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager
FROM: Mike Niblock, Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

Ratification of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall City Council ratify the City Manager's execution of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management regarding the activation of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact for the December 2017 California wildfires?

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the City Manager's execution of the attached IGA with the State of Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management regarding the activation of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact for the December 2017 California wildfires.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) administers the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), ORS 402.105, for the State of Oregon. EMAC is the interstate mutual aid agreement that authorizes member states to assist each other in emergencies or disasters. When any member state's Governor declares an emergency or disaster, including when an emergency or disaster is imminent, other member states may agree to provide assistance in response to requests from the impacted state(s). The assistance from other member states may be in the form of personnel and/or other resources.

EMAC has been activated for the December 2017 California wildfires which are currently occurring.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

On December 6, 2017, in response to requests from the State of California, OEM broadcast the immediate need for available fire suppression resources. The Salem Fire Department, at approximately 8:30 p.m. on December 6, 2017, approved the deployment of one engine, staffed with a Captain, an Apparatus Operator, and two Firefighter-Paramedics to California due to the overwhelming need for immediate assistance in fighting the wildfires.

The State of Oregon required that the attached IGA (Attachment 1) be executed prior to the next scheduled City Council meeting. The IGA includes the process for requesting and deployment of personnel and equipment under the EMAC, and the reimbursement process for the City. The department is now requesting that the City Council ratify the City Manager's execution of the IGA. Once the IGA is ratified, the department will be able to submit to OEM the reimbursement request for "portal to portal" expenses for personnel and equipment costs related to EMAC #1340, which the City is required to pay up-front.

MIKE NIBLOCK
FIRE CHIEF

Attachments:

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with OEM