



**TO:** T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
**FROM:** Faith Mueller, Acting Fire Chief *FMM*  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution: WSP State Fire Mobilization Agreement, Requested Council Date: 1/28/14  
**DATE:** January 8, 2014

**SUMMARY:**

The Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) requests approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Patrol to allow reimbursement of fire mobilization costs incurred pursuant to the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan (Mobilization Plan).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mobilization Plan provides a statewide process to quickly notify, assemble, and deploy fire service personnel and equipment to any jurisdiction in Washington that has expended all local and mutual aid resources to manage and mitigate an emergency incident. Historically, TFD has occasionally provided resources and equipment to assist the State and others to fight fires and respond to other emergencies. Such deployments occur rarely, usually when additional resources for structural firefighting are needed. In the past two decades, TFD resources were deployed to two significant events. Thus, TFD staff estimates there is a 10% chance each year that a deployment could occur with an estimated average annual cost risk of \$23,000, of which about 75% would be eligible for reimbursement.

**ISSUE:**

Council approval of interlocal agreements is required by state law. Approval of this agreement is needed to enable TFD to continue to be eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred in response to such efforts. This contract will be effective only in the event that a deployment is directed in accordance with the Mobilization Plan. Such deployments involving TFD resources rarely occur.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Mobilization Plan provides an efficient and cost effective plan to allocate public safety resources statewide as needed to respond to emergencies. Non-participation in the Mobilization Plan would reduce the potential for TFD resources to be deployed outside our service area. However, it would also delay and reduce the availability of outside resources to be deployed locally if needed, and make us locally responsible for most, if not all of the cost for such resources instead of sharing such costs with the State.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Fire Department recommends approval of the interlocal agreement with the Washington State Patrol to allow reimbursement of fire mobilization costs incurred pursuant to the Mobilization Plan. TFD will likely be called upon at some future date to provide resources and equipment to help respond to a regional emergency or disaster, for which it should be enabled to request reimbursement of incurred costs pursuant to the Mobilization Plan.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010 Fire General Fund	253000	Various	\$20,000/Year
1155 EMS Special Revenue Fd	609100	Various	\$3,000/Year
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$23,000/Year</b>

\* General Fund: Include Department

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Washington State	253000	Various	\$15,000/Year
Washington State	609100	Various	\$2,250/Year
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$17,250/Year</b>

**POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:**

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
(Not Applicable)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.*

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** Estimated Average Net Yearly Impact: \$5,750

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** No

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

This request is for approval of a contingent contract to be used only in the event that a deployment of TFD resources occurs due to activation of the State Mobilization Plan. Such deployments rarely occur. In the event that a significant deployment occurs in which the Fire Department cannot absorb the cost, the Fire Department will request a budget modification.