



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team Agreement (extension) with Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater for one additional one-year term extending until September 30, 2021 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

Pinellas County has produced an interlocal agreement between the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to provide specialized rescue services to the residents of Pinellas County. The original agreement defines the obligations and responsibilities of the Cities for these services in exchange for funding from Pinellas County for a five-year period effective October 1, 2015 expiring midnight on September 30, 2020.

In order to provide specialized rescue services (technical rescues) to include but not be limited to, confined space, high angle/advanced rope, trench and excavation, water, wilderness, structural collapse, complex vehicles and machinery extrication, to the residents of Pinellas County it is essential to continue to develop the capability, expertise and resources to handle situations where such rescues could occur.

To improve responsiveness and to increase efficiency, the aforementioned fire agencies and the Pinellas County Regional 9-1-1 Center will continue to work in conjunction to respond to situations where there is a unique and/or complex rescue situation within Pinellas County in a uniform training, educational, and fiduciary manner. The end result is a higher level of technical service provided to the highly populated peninsula that is exposed to adverse weather, man-made disasters, and natural populace actions that create emergencies involving specialized rescues.

Each participating agency will be reimbursed by Pinellas County for up to \$56,400 in overtime and backfill staffing costs for personnel to attend training, and up to \$10,000 for the travel and training related expenses each year.

The initial Technical Rescue Team Contract duration is five years with the option to renew for an additional five year period upon mutual agreement; whereby, it is the desire of the parties to modify the terms of the TRT Agreement to allow for a one year extension and waive the provision of the TRT Agreement which provides for a five year renewal term. Upon approval of this Extension, all terms of the TRT Agreement will remain in force.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

NA

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:

NA