

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/06/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.I. PD - Intergovernmental Agreement - Emergency Dispatching and Communications
DATE PREPARED: 10/01/26	DISTRICT NO.:
STAFF LIAISON: Robert Sanders, Chief of Police, rsanders@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6435	
DEPARTMENT: Police	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Goodyear and the City of Buckeye for Emergency Communications and Dispatching Services; and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement and to take all actions and execute documents necessary to carry out the intent of the Agreement.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed Agreement between the City of Buckeye and the City of Goodyear establishes a reciprocal framework for providing backup 9-1-1 emergency communications and dispatching services when either city is temporarily unable to operate from its primary communications facility. The Agreement is intended to maintain continuity of critical public safety communications during emergencies, equipment malfunctions, planned maintenance, training events, or other circumstances that may disrupt normal operations.

Under the Agreement, the unaffected city may temporarily receive and process 9-1-1 calls and other calls for law enforcement response on behalf of the impacted city. When necessary, the agreement also allows employees of the impacted city to utilize the other city's communications facility as a temporary operating location until normal operations can be restored.

The Agreement establishes notification and operational procedures for both scheduled events and unplanned emergencies. The cities will maintain current supervisory contact information, implement electronic keycard access to each other's facilities, and develop a mutually agreed-upon procedure guide to support implementation of the Agreement. Each agency will continue to operate under its own departmental policies and procedures while providing or receiving emergency backup services.

The initial term of the Agreement is five years from execution, with provisions for renewal by mutual agreement and termination by either party with at least 60 days' written notice.

BENEFITS:

The Agreement provides operational redundancy for critical 9-1-1 emergency communications and dispatching services, helping ensure continuity of service when either city's primary communications facility is temporarily unavailable. The reciprocal partnership enhances emergency preparedness and regional coordination by providing both cities with an established process for transferring calls, accessing backup communications resources, and maintaining public safety operations during emergencies,

equipment failures, planned maintenance, or training events. The Agreement also strengthens resiliency by allowing personnel to temporarily operate from the partner city's communications facility when necessary, reducing the potential for disruption to emergency services and supporting continued access to public safety assistance for residents.

FUTURE ACTION:

The Agreement will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution. Prior to expiration, the City of Buckeye and the City of Goodyear may mutually agree to renew the Agreement for an additional five-year term. Staff will continue to evaluate the operational effectiveness of the partnership and coordinate with the City of Goodyear to maintain current procedures, contact information, facility access, and emergency communication protocols throughout the term of the Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no direct financial impact associated with approval of this Agreement. Each city remains responsible for the costs associated with operating its respective emergency communications and dispatching services. The Agreement establishes a reciprocal backup arrangement and does not require payment between the City of Buckeye and the City of Goodyear for services provided under the agreement. Any personnel or operational costs incurred by the City of Buckeye in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Agreement will be absorbed within the Police Department's existing budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

There is no direct cost associated with the Agreement. Each city is responsible for its own operational costs, and no payments are required between the City of Buckeye and the City of Goodyear for the reciprocal backup services.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

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