



Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

Item Number: 2026-1010-AR

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SUBJECT: Consider approval of the Parker County Mutual Aid Agreement and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Weatherford.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Weatherford participates in a Mutual Aid Agreement with fire departments and emergency services districts throughout Parker County. The agreement establishes a framework that allows participating agencies to request and provide personnel, apparatus, equipment, and other emergency response resources when additional assistance is needed.

The existing Mutual Aid Agreement was originally developed in 2016. During recent meetings of the Parker County Public Safety Alliance, participating agencies determined that the agreement should be updated to reflect current participating agencies, operational practices, and applicable state and federal requirements.

Weatherford Fire-Rescue, with input from participating agencies and the Parker County Public Safety Alliance, prepared and updated the Mutual Aid Agreement. The revised agreement continues to provide for mutual aid involving firefighting, emergency medical services, and rescue operations while providing greater clarification regarding the responsibilities of requesting and assisting agencies.

Significant updates include the addition of the City of Mineral Wells Fire Department as a participating agency; expanding definitions of rescue services to include vehicle and machinery extrication, high-angle, confined-space, rope, trench, structural collapse, and water rescue operations; clarification of service-area and response provisions; updated reimbursement and records-retention requirements; and expanded liability and line-of-duty provisions. The agreement also expressly provides that a participating agency is not obligated to respond to a request for assistance when, in the agency's sole judgment, doing so would leave insufficient protection within its own jurisdiction.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. The agreement will have a five-year term beginning September 1, 2026, and ending September 1, 2031, with provisions for renewal or continuation on a month-to-month basis as provided in the agreement.

Approval of the agreement will allow Weatherford Fire-Rescue to continue participating in a coordinated regional mutual aid system and provide or receive additional emergency response resources when incidents exceed the capabilities or available resources of an individual agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no immediate financial impact associated with approval of the agreement. Participating agencies may seek reimbursement for eligible costs associated with mutual aid responses lasting more than twelve consecutive hours.

The agreement provides that reimbursement may include personnel costs, operation and maintenance of equipment, equipment damage, food, lodging, and transportation expenses. Participating agencies shall not seek reimbursement for mutual aid responses lasting less than twelve consecutive hours.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of the Parker County Mutual Aid Agreement and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Weatherford.

ATTACHMENTS

- [Parker County Mutual Aid Agreement 2016](#)
- [Parker County Mutual Aid Agreement 2026](#)
- [FEMA 2025 Equipment Hourly Rates](#)
- [Parker County Mutual Aid Agreement Breakdown and Comparison 2026](#)
- [Exhibit 1 \(Service Area\)](#)