

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-297

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 21, 1999

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the working arrangement maintained between the Fire Department and the 132nd Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard to provide aircraft and structural fire and hazardous material mitigation on and surrounding the Des Moines International Airport property.

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT FOR
MUTUAL AID
BETWEEN DES
MOINES FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND
IOWA AIR
NATIONAL GUARD

FISCAL IMPACT -

None. Both parties to this agreement are equally reciprocated by personnel and equipment on an as needed basis.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

To approve the Mayor's signing of this agreement contingent on the execution of this document by the Adjutant General and the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer.

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

BACKGROUND -

The City and the Des Moines International Airport began their cooperative effort with the Reciprocal Aircraft Rescue/Fire Fighting Protection Agreement passed by Roll Call No. 1689 on April 11, 1973. The First Amendment to this agreement was passed by Roll Call No. 2877 on June 20, 1983. The Interim Second Amendment to this agreement was passed by Roll Call No. 91-2056 on May 20, 1991.

On September 27, 1993, a Memorandum of Understanding was initiated by and between the Fire Department, Aviation Department, and the Iowa Air National Guard (IANG) outlining the responsibilities of each in the event of an emergency. These duties are summarized as follows:

- 1) The IANG holds primary responsibility for aircraft rescue and fire fighting with the assistance of the Fire Department.
- 2) The Fire Department holds primary responsibility for structural fires on the ground of the Des Moines International Airport with support from IANG.
- 3) IANG will respond to within a one-mile radius of the Airport for aircraft incidents and assume primary incident control and management.
- 4) IANG will respond to any location within the limits of the City of Des Moines, if requested, while retaining the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required minimum staffing on Airport property.
- 5) Acknowledging the expertise of the Fire Department, the Fire Department shall be responsible for hazardous material incident mitigation on Airport property.

In summary, this agreement expands any previous mutual aid agreement between the Des Moines Fire Department and 132nd Fighter Wing, IANG.