

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-155

AGENDA:

APRIL 7, 2003

SUBJECT:

POLK COUNTY
MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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FIRE CHIEF

ITEM 43

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of the updated Polk County Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement provides for the provision of assistance without charge in the event of a large emergency incident in central Iowa. The agreement has been in effect and has remained unchanged since 1978.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval

BACKGROUND —

In the early 1970's, area fire departments foresaw the need to partner with other area fire departments to have sufficient equipment and staffing at the scene of a major fire. In 1978 Polk County fire departments signed a mutual aid agreement. This agreement allowed one municipality to call for aid from another without being charged for staffing or equipment. This agreement has not been updated since 1978. With the expansion of Des Moines and the suburbs into adjoining counties, the agreement has been changed to reflect this expansion. Thirty-two departments in Polk and Warren counties have agreed to supply mutual aid to one another.

