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	Agenda Item No.	35
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-2166</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-695</u>
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve updated 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Fire/Rescue Services.

SYNOPSIS:

Approve the updated 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Fire/Rescue Services as submitted by the Polk County Fire Chief’s Association through the Des Moines Fire Chief. Three (3) updates include adding adjoining counties as signatories, adding incident stabilization under definitions, and allowing billing for incidents whose duration exceeds 12 hours, those more likely to be classified as eligible for federal reimbursements as part of disaster declarations.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Change #1, adding adjoining counties as signatories: Inclusion of the adjoining counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Story and Warren recognizes the existing cooperative planning, collaboration, and experiences of Polk County fire departments, with departments in adjoining counties, in providing fire and rescue services not previously recognized within the Agreement.

Change #2, adding incident stabilization under definitions: Incident stabilization and protection of property are two (2) of the three (3) incident priorities held by all fire service organizations; the first being protection of life.

Change #3, allowing billing for incidents whose duration exceeds 12 hours, those more likely to be classified as eligible for federal reimbursements as part of disaster declarations. Previous agreements did not allow a mechanism for billing for services provided, even during incidents of long duration. The compensation provision is updated to include:

- Emergency Services (other than EMS and HazMat) are billed if an incident lasts a minimum of 12 consecutive hours. It is believed that 12 hours is a reasonable division between traditional mutual aid and incidents more likely to be classified as eligible for federal reimbursement as part of a disaster declaration.
- If the incident meets the 12 hour threshold, any assistance provided is billable, including assistance prior to the 12 hour mark.
- Includes backfill personnel.
- Includes equipment (usage, not damage)
- Includes supplies

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 8, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0934](#)

Action: [Updated](#) 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance with Polk County Fire/Rescue Services. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 7, 2003

Roll Call Number: [03-0759](#)

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Fire/Rescue Services to continue participation in assisting neighboring governmental agencies during a medical or fire emergency. [Council Communication No. 03-155](#) Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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