



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: March 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid Agreement between the LFUCG Division of Fire and Emergency Services, Emergency Services of Counties Contiguous to Fayette County and Member Counties of the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team (BERT)

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The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to execute a mutual aid agreement with Madison County, Kentucky to establish guidelines for providing assistance and aid during certain events, and further authorizing entering into mutual aid agreements with the same material terms with any other local government that is contiguous to Fayette County or a member of the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team (BERT).

Why are you requesting? We are requesting for approval for the Mayor to sign the attached mutual aid agreement with Madison County and for establishing formal Mutual Aid Agreements with other local governments' emergency response entities to request, receive or provide emergency resources as response to incidents that overwhelm local available resources.

Department needs this action completed because: This document will provide the framework for notifications, request process, supervision, and integration within the Incident Command System, deployment and reception of resources to or from emergency incidents. It also codifies immunity, waiver of liability, expectations and recoupment of compensation, materials and supplies as applicable. Allowing the Mayor to execute future mutual aid agreements with the same material terms with any other local government's response entities would reduce the number of resolutions passed through Council for agreements that read identically. No budgetary impact.

The initial term of the agreement is one year, with automatic renewal from year to year. Either party to the agreement may terminate the agreement through a 30-day written notice.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

