



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief
DATE: 11/9/2024
SUBJECT: Center for Patient Safety Agreement

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to enter into an agreement with the Center for Patient Safety, a not-for-profit and patient safety organization (PSO).

Why are you requesting? The agreement will offer protections under the Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Act to the Division of Fire. The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act provides confidentiality protections and privilege protections (inability to introduce the protected information in a legal proceeding), when certain requirements are met. The Center for Patient Safety will provide education in identifying and assistance in establishing process improvements to prevent medical errors, provide one-on-one guidance for setting up a patient evaluation system, opportunities for national patient safety sharing and networking, and resources to help identify our culture of safety and identify ways for improvement.

Department needs this action completed because: Public Safety Organizations offer several advantages that will benefit the Division of Fire.

The agreement begins on the effective date and will automatically renew for successive 3-year periods.

Either party may terminate the agreement on ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

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

The cost for this FY is: \$1800.00 for FY25

The cost for future FY is: \$1800.00 for FY26 and FY27

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

